AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer

2. Approval of Minutes of the meeting of August 29, 2019

3. Discuss and vote on proposed new BA Computer Science degree program

4. Discuss and vote on proposed Guidelines and Procedures for University Centers and Institutes

5. Discuss and vote on proposed change to the Undergraduate Academic Code

6. Information Items

At its meeting on November 19, 2019, the Executive Committee approved the following minor changes to the Academic Articles. These changes will be forwarded on to the President’s office for approval.

Article IV/Section 5/Subsection (c) Teaching Faculty

Current:

Appointments to the teaching faculty are made by the Provost or the Provost’s designee. The normal procedure for appointment is initiated by the head of the relevant academic unit, acting with the departmental or academic unit’s CA. In cases initiated by the Chairperson of a Department, the Chairperson submits a written recommendation, along with a written report approved by the departmental CRPT of its deliberations and recommendations, to the Dean of the relevant College or School, who then submits these recommendations to the Provost, along with a written personal recommendation.

Proposed:

Appointments to the teaching faculty are made by the Provost or the Provost’s designee. The formal procedure for appointment is initiated by the head of the relevant academic unit, acting with the departmental or academic unit’s CA. In cases initiated by the Chairperson of a Department, the Chairperson submits a written recommendation, along with a written report approved by the departmental CA of its deliberations and recommendations, to the Dean of the relevant College or School, who then submits these recommendations to the Provost, along with a written personal recommendation.

Article V/Section 3/Subsection (a) The Academic Council

Current:

The principal functions of the Academic Council are to determine general academic policies and regulations of the University; to approve major changes in the requirements for admission to or graduation from the Colleges and Schools, and in the programs of study offered by Colleges, Schools, and Departments; to authorize the establishment, major modification or discontinuance of any academic unit or degree program of the University; and to provide for review, amendment, and final interpretation of the academic articles, without prejudice to article VI. "Major changes in programs of study" involve the creation, modification or dissolution of a degree program or the establishment of an academic program with University-level implications such as cross-college degrees, or any other academic program that has substantial curricular, financial, or organizational impact beyond the academic organization or unit making the proposal. The decisions of the Council are by majority vote and are subject to the approval of the President.
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7. Adjournment

If time permits, all committees will meet at the conclusion of the Academic Council meeting.