




MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate
FROM: Dr. Michael Johnson, President 
RE: President's Response to Senate Actions
DATE: May 11, 2026

Following is my response to the actions of the Faculty Senate as represented in the minutes of the meeting on May 1, 2026, which were approved electronically on May 5, 2026. All program approvals are made contingent upon the department's commitment to staff the changes out of existing internal funds. Note that Section 3.6.2 of the Board of Regents Policy Manual states, inter alia: "The termination of educational programs, degrees, or majors shall be submitted to the Chancellor for review and recommendation for action by the Board of Regents." So, all program, degree, and major terminations (as well as additions) need to be approved by the Board. Our requests should include the rationale and the plan for addressing the needs of existing students.

Committee I: Undergraduate Programs Committee (Stacy Boyd, Chair)

Action Items: *All items were taken as a block vote and approved unanimously.*

- A) College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences
 - 1) School of Visual and Performing Arts
 - a) Art, B.F.A.
Request: Revise Program
 - 2) School of Social Sciences
 - a) Embedded Certificate in Forensic Science
Request: Revise Program

- B) Tanner Health School of Nursing
 - 1) NURS - 4801 - Caring with Commitment: Nursing Roles in Long-term Care
New Course Request
 - 2) NURS - 4802 - Caring for the Acutely Ill
New Course Request
 - 3) NURS - 4803 - Caring for Communities
New Course Request
 - 4) NURS - 4804 - Caring for All
New Course Request

I accept this block vote motion.

Committee II: Graduate Programs Committee (Kim Green, Chair)

Action Items: *Approved unanimously as a block vote.*

- A) College of Education
 - 1) Department of Special Education
 - a) Specialist in Education, Ed.S.
Request: Revise

- B) College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences
 - 1) School of Social Sciences
 - a) PSYC - 6785A - Advanced Horizon Seminar
Request: Add
 - b) PSYC - 6785B - Advanced Horizon Seminar
Request: Add

I accept this block vote motion.

Committee III: Academic Policies Committee (Shelly Elman, Chair)

Action Items: *Each item was taken individually and all passed unanimously.*

- A) Attendance Policy and Academic Engagement (Figure 1)
- B) Graduate Faculty Status Policy (Figure 2)
- C) Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's (ABM) Degree Pathway Revision (Figure 3)

I accept these motions.