MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. Michael Johnson, President

RE: President's Response to Senate Actions

DATE: January 5, 2026

Following is my response to the actions of the Faculty Senate as represented in the minutes of the meeting on December 5, 2025, which were approved electronically on December 18, 2025. 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 (Charlie Sicignano, 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 the Social Sciences
a) SOCI 4473 – Survey Design
Request: Add
B) Perry College of Mathematics, Computing, and Sciences
1) School of Field Investigations and Experimental Sciences
a) Geography
Request: Deletion
b) PHYS 3115 – Applied Mechanics
Request: Add
c) PHYS 4415 – Fundamentals of Materials
Request: Add
d) Physics, Astronomy Concentration, B.S.
Request: Revision
e) Physics, Battery Technology and Sustainable Energy Concentration, B.S.
Request: Revision

     f) Physics, Business Concentration, B.S.
       Request: Revision
     g) Physics, Engineering Pathway, B.S.
       Request: Revision
     h) Physics, MAT Pathway, B.S.
       Request: Revision
     i) Physics, Plan E – Computational Physics Emphasis, B.S.
       Request: Deletion
     j) Physics, Plan F – Electro-Optics Emphasis, B.S.
       Request: Deletion
     k) Physics, Plan G – Solid State Emphasis, B.S.
       Request: Deletion
     l) Physics, B.S.
       Request: Revision

C) School of Communications, Film, and Media
  1) Mass Communications
     a) Certificate of Less than One Year in Emerging Digital Media Practitioner
       Request: Add
     b) Film and Video Production Minor
       Request: Revision

D) Tanner Health School of Nursing
  1) School of Nursing
     a) NURS 3000 – Holistic Health and Physical Assessment in Nursing Practice
       Request: Add
     b) NURS 3010 – Professionalism and Ethics in Nursing
       Request: Add
     c) NURS 3020 – Person-Centered and Compassionate Care in Nursing
       Request: Add
     d) NURS 3021 – Person-Centered Care II: Care of the Adult and Older Adult
       Request: Add
     e) NURS 3030 – Caring for Vulnerable Populations
       Request: Add
     f) NURS 3050 – Pathophysiology and Pharmacology I
       Request: Add
     g) NURS 3060 – Advancing Health Through Leadership, Policy, and Interprofessional Practice
       Request: Add
     h) NURS 3100 – Pathophysiology and Pharmacology II
       Request: Add
     i) NURS 3400 – Evidence Informed Practice for Professional Nurses
       Request: Add
     j) NURS 4020 – Quality and Safety Science in Nursing Practice
       Request: Add
     k) NURS 4022 – Person-Centered Care III: Family-Centered Care Across the Lifespan
       Request: Add

l) NURS 4023 – Person-Centered Care IV: Transition to Professional Nursing Practicum
Request: Add

m) NURS 4030 – Population, Public, and Community Health Nursing
Request: Add

n) NURS 4040 – Capstone in Professional Role Formation
Request: Add

o) NURS 4110 – Clinical Reasoning in Acute and Complex Adult Health
Request: Add

I accept this block vote motion.

Committee II: Graduate Programs Committee (Kim Green, Chair)
Action Items: *All items taken as a block and were approved unanimously.*

A) College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences
  1) School of Social Sciences
    a) SOCI 5293 – Families, Foster Care, and Adoption
       Request: Add
    b) SOCI 5453 – Sociology of Education
       Request: Add
    c) SOCI 5473 – Survey Design
       Request: Add

I accept this block vote motion.