Graduate Council Transform CSCU 2020 Resolution

Whereas, the Board of Regents for the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) is considering the adoption of Transform CSCU 2020 initiatives that will fundamentally change current graduate curricula and programs that are vital and integral to the mission of the university, and Transform CSCU 2020 may fundamentally reorder priorities of the state universities;

Whereas, prominent among matters of concern to the University Senate and its standing committees are curriculum policy and curricular structure;

Whereas, it is recognized that mutual benefits are to be derived from continual improvement in the CSCU system, and that participation of faculty and professional employees in the formulation of policies under which they provide their services is educationally sound;

Resolved, that Western Connecticut State University urges the Board of Regents to submit all relevant Transform CSCU 2020 initiatives involving changes in curriculum, curricular policy, and academic standards to appropriate campus governance committees.

This resolution is predicated on the conviction that teaching and research are essential elements of graduate education at universities, and are primary reasons why the public values and supports these institutions. Faculty are recognized experts in their areas of instruction and uniquely equipped with the knowledge necessary to provide high-quality education. Graduate programs enrich communities, the academic disciplines, and the professions; faculty provide career opportunities to students and contribute to the knowledge base of their disciplines through their scholarship and that of their students. It is thus appropriate and necessary to recognize the authority of faculty in all matters related to graduate curriculum and academic standards, to exercise the independence that is central to the protection of the public’s trust.

Resolved by the WCSU Graduate Council
[November 25, 2014]

Resolved by the WCSU University Senate
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