THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

RESOLUTION 4-26-14

Recommendations from Academic Program Review

WHEREAS, Academic program review is a continuous improvement process, expected by the State of Ohio and the Higher Learning Commission, that improves alignment of academic programs with institutional mission and vision, utilizes resources effectively and efficiently, and is responsive to existing and emerging social, cultural, scientific and economic needs of the region, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Based on Board of Trustees resolution 2-13-14, President Proenza requested and has received input from the Faculty Senate regarding the proposed suspension of 55 academic program (Attachment A); and

WHEREAS, The president is appreciative of the diligence of the Academic Policies Committee, Curriculum Review Committee and Faculty Senate in consulting with campus in developing their input; and

WHEREAS, In the process of developing input, the Faculty Senate identified an additional seven academic programs to be considered for suspension; and

WHEREAS, The Faculty Senate’s input has been received by and considered by the president (Attachment B); and

WHEREAS, The president has considered the Academic Program Review process in its entirety, including the recommendations of the Academic Program Review Committee, those of the Dean of the Graduate School/Vice President for Research and of the Senior Vice President and Provost/COO; and

WHEREAS, The president has recommended actions to be taken by the Board of Trustees, accepting in its entirety the recommendations of the Faculty Senate (Attachment C) on this matter; Now, Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Trustees accepts the President’s recommendation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That, for the programs recommended for suspension and eventual elimination, the administration should follow appropriate processes to assure that students currently enrolled in such programs are provided an opportunity to complete the degree; and that any students currently seeking admissions to such programs will be advised that the particular program of study is being phased out, and advisors will work with them to identify suitable alternatives at The University of Akron; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, for those programs needing significant revisions in order to become viable, the faculty members should work diligently and act expeditiously to revise their curriculum so that the Board of Trustees can expect such revisions to be complete before June 2015.

Ted A. Mallo, Secretary
Board of Trustees

April 23, 2014