

University Council

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Attachment B

UCC Bylaw Language Change

Current Bylaw Language

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Proposed Bylaw Language Change

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New Bylaw Language

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Rationale

The Steering Committee description from the governance website says part of their purview is "to consult on proposals for establishment, **moratorium, discontinuance,** or merger of basic academic units, including **departments,** schools, institutes, colleges, and the Graduate School."

The Issue with this language is that departments, schools, institutes, and colleges cannot be "discontinued" or put into "moratorium."

Instead, the language "discontinued" or "moratorium" is used by UCC, UCUE, and UCGS

For example, UCC and UCUE governance language states:

4.5.3. The UCC shall exercise the faculty's delegated authority to review and approve or reject all changes in undergraduate curricula and degree requirements recommended by the University Committee on Undergraduate Education, and to review and approve or reject changes in graduate and graduate-professional curricula and degree requirements recommended by the University Committee on Graduate Studies. The UCC shall not reject a recommendation from either the University Committee on Undergraduate Education or the University Committee on Graduate Studies without providing a rationale for the rejection and consulting with the appropriate committee. In addition, the UCC shall exercise the faculty's delegated authority to review and approve or reject all undergraduate and graduate courses proposed by academic units.

UCUE: 4.4.4. The UCUE shall review all changes in undergraduate academic programs proposed by academic units and recommend their approval or rejection to the University Committee on Curriculum.

Therefore, the vocabulary of "moratorium and discontinuation," which is only done for curriculum, is the responsibility of UCGS, UCUE, and UCC. The Office of Accreditation, Assessment, Curriculum, and Compliance is recommending that the Steering Committee language be revised to say: "to consult on proposals for establishment, **disbandment**, or merger of basic academic units, including departments, schools, institutes, colleges, and the Graduate School."