

## Resolution Introduction

The following resolution is based on statements and guidelines of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). The AAUP was founded in 1915, and over the years has worked with university administrators and governing boards to define and promote fundamental values and standards for higher education. For example, the AAUP's 1940 *Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure* was jointly formulated with the Association of American Colleges and Universities, and their 1966 *Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities* was developed in conjunction with the American Council on Education and the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. As a result, the AAUP's guidelines regarding academic freedom, shared governance, and academic policy are widely regarded by faculty, university administration, and governing boards alike as the "gold standard" of higher education.

### RESOLUTION ON CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

**Whereas** Sul Ross faculty have an established council through the Faculty Assembly to review proposed curriculum changes, proposed changes to degree plans, and proposed changes in the requirements for graduation requirements,

**Whereas** the newly established Curriculum Committee's purpose is redundant to the existing Curriculum Council,

**Whereas** committees that serve a redundant purpose is an inappropriate duplication of effort and resources,

**Whereas** having both a council and a committee on curriculum will cause confusion and inefficiency,

**Whereas** the Sul Ross Faculty Assembly and RGC Faculty Senate can adapt and improve all university councils as needed,

**Whereas** university committees are run by the President and faculty governance councils are run by the faculty,

**Whereas**, according to the *AAUP's 1966 Statement*, the university curriculum should be the primary responsibility of the faculty, not the administration,

**Now therefore,**

The Faculty Assembly of Sul Ross State University expresses disapproval of the creation of the Curriculum Committee and calls for its dissolution. The Curriculum Council will continue and will be revised by the faculty to improve its form and function.

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