

Senate Council
March 5, 2012

Proposed Changes to *Governing Regulations IV C.2*

Background: Recent wording made final in *Governing Regulations II* in December 2011 makes it clear that the subset of academic programs whose closure requires BoT approval (per recent SACS) is the “degree-granting academic programs.”

[snippet from *GR IV.C*]

C. University Senate Functions

The University Senate is not assigned any management or administrative functions. The University Senate functions include the following:

1. Determine the broad academic policies of the University, including the similar academic policies that may be made necessary by governmental or accreditation agencies, and make rules to implement these policies.

Previous draft of item 2 (via Senate Council 2010)

2. Approve all new academic programs, ~~and~~ make final academic decisions on recommendations to changes of these programs, and recommend the closing of degree-granting academic programs.

Most current draft of item 2 (this week, March 1)

2. Approve all new academic programs, ~~and~~ make final academic decisions on recommendations to changes of these programs, and ~~recommend the closing of degree-granting~~ approve closure of all academic programs, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

3. Make final decisions for the University on curricula, courses, certificates and diplomas offered at the University, ~~and on the termination of academic programs.~~

Recommendation: that the SC approve the proposed change to *Governing Regulations IV C.2*:

2. Approve all new academic programs, ~~and~~ make final academic decisions on recommendations to changes of these programs, and ~~recommend the closing of degree-granting~~ approve closure of all academic programs, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.