**Resolution on Revising SMU’s Post-Matriculation Transfer Credit Policy**

Whereas, prior to 2009, SMU allowed students already enrolled at SMU to transfer a maximum of 15 credits earned at other institutions; and

Whereas, in 2009, SMU students studying abroad had to apply credit for courses taken abroad towards their SMU credits by counting them as post-matriculation transfer credits; and

Whereas, in 2009, SMU faculty expanded the maximum number of post-matriculation transfer credits that SMU students could receive from 15 to 30; and

Whereas SMU students studying abroad through pre-approved programs now count their study abroad credits as SMU credits rather than post-matriculation transfer credits; and

Whereas students often arrive at SMU with a substantial number of pre-matriculation transfer credits earned at other institutions as well as AP/IB credits that count as SMU credits; and

Whereas the overwhelming majority of SMU’s peer and aspirational institutions allow no more than 15 post-matriculation transfer credits; and

Whereas current policy and higher education costs incentivize students to earn an increasing number of their college credits outside of SMU, for example during summer terms; and

Whereas, under current policy, a student could in theory enter SMU with 30 credit hours from AP tests, 30 pre-matriculation credit hours, earn 30 post-matriculation transfer credit hours, earn 30 credit hours through a study abroad provider, and thereby earn 120 hours of SMU credit without ever taking a class from an SMU professor; and

Whereas we, the faculty of SMU, feel that an SMU degree should accurately reflect learning achieved under the instruction of SMU faculty; therefore, let it be

Resolved, that the maximum number of post-matriculation transfer credit hours accepted for SMU credit be restored to its pre-2009 level of 15.