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To: University Senate
From: Kevin Evans, Chair, Council on Academic Affairs
Subject: Proposal to Establish a Clinical/Teaching/Practice Faculty Track, College of Arts and Sciences
Date: September 14, 2020

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A
CLINICAL/TEACHING/PRACTICE FACULTY TRACK, COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Whereas the College of Arts and Sciences, with 38 tenure-initiating units organized into three divisions, indicates that this faculty track will:

- provide graduate and undergraduate students more access to high quality instruction in appropriate college courses; and
- place the college among aspirational peers, many of which incorporate dedicated teaching faculty into their educational programs – including curriculum development and delivery and student advising; and
- provide a career path for its best non-tenure-track teachers that enhances the College’s ability to attract and retain the most qualified individuals for these positions; and

Whereas the College proposal clearly addresses the components specified in Faculty Rule 3335-7 to establish this faculty track; and

Whereas on March 16, 2020, the proposal was sent to all of the College’s 1019 tenure track faculty on all campuses: 70.2% responded with 81.5% voting to approve – thus a majority (57.2%) of the total tenure-track faculty approved; and the proposal has the support of the College’s Executive Dean and Vice Provost.

Whereas the proposal was reviewed and approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on June 1, 2020; and

Therefore be it resolved that the University Senate approve the proposal from the College of Arts and Sciences to establish a Clinical/Teaching/Practice Faculty track and respectfully request approval by the Board of Trustees.