

**A RESOLUTION ON THE TIMETABLE FOR ACTION ON THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT ADMINISTRATION/FACULTY TASK
FORCE ON A POSSIBLE FOUR-COURSE, FOUR-CREDIT
UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULAR STRUCTURE (06/3)**

WHEREAS, The George Washington University Administration established a joint Administration/Faculty Task Force (the Task Force) under the leadership of the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs in April 2005 to examine the feasibility of introducing a four-course, four-credit undergraduate curricular structure and,

WHEREAS, the Task Force, after eighteen months of deliberations, produced and circulated a report on October 24, 2006 together with appendices covering minutes of Task Force meetings, visits to other universities/colleges - trip reports, summary of trip reports, models for the possible reduction of general education requirements, preliminary models of expense-reduction scenarios in converting from a 5x3 to a 4x4 curricular structure, goals and scenarios and,

WHEREAS, the Faculty Code of The George Washington University specifically grants the regular, active-status faculty an active role in the development, revision, or elimination of curricular offerings of each department and school and,

WHEREAS, the Administration accepted Resolution (05/5) adopted by the Faculty Senate, at its meeting on January 20, 2006 that the final report from the Task Force be submitted concurrently to the School Faculties and the Faculty Senate for full review, debate, and subsequent recommendations and,

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate established a Special Committee of the Faculty Senate to receive and evaluate the report of the Task Force and to make comments and recommendations to the Faculty Senate and,

WHEREAS, on receipt of the Report on October 24, 2006, the Special Committee was convened on October 30, 2006 and arrived at an estimate of its responsibilities to assess the Task Force report together with relevant materials and documents available to it and not included in the Task Force Report and,

WHEREAS, implementation of a 4x4 curriculum would significantly change the organization and operation of the University's educational activities and would require the expenditure of enormous faculty resources for the next several years, and

WHEREAS, the Special Committee, in the light of previous status reports from the faculty representatives (as reported at the Faculty Senate meeting of April 14, 2006 and summarized in the minutes thereof), determined that the recommendations of the Task Force report would require additional inquiry and thorough deliberation by the Faculty Senate and by the Faculty members throughout the University through their School's Faculty meetings and committees, and

WHEREAS, such inquiry and deliberation could not be accomplished within a two-month timetable, and

WHEREAS, the Schools and the Faculty Senate must have sufficient time to comment on the Task Force Report and to make their recommendations in line with their responsibilities regarding any changes to the curriculum, **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

That the Senate Special Committee and aforementioned School Faculties make their recommendations no later than one week before the Faculty Senate meeting of April 13, 2007.

Special Committee on the Proposed 4x4 Curriculum Report
November 7, 2006

Adopted November 10, 2006