A RESOLUTION ON INCLUDING PROFESSOR RESEARCH ON CLASS SYLLABI

WHEREAS SMU is a private university that declares itself to be “a distinguished center for global research with a liberal arts tradition” and that the students of SMU want to be immersed in a strong academic culture where research is a necessity to create a tradition of academic excellence;

RECOGNIZING that the current syllabus for a class at SMU already includes many requirements including the catalog description, student learning outcomes and objectives, disability accommodations, religious observance, and other disclaimers, but includes nothing about a professor’s experience or out of classroom interests;

ACKNOWLEDGING that SMU professors are world leaders and groundbreakers in their fields of research and that students have a desire to learn more about their research, and may ask about research opportunities that they may be able to pursue in conjunction with that professor;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the SMU Office of the Provost highly encourage SMU professors to include their current, past and future academic research—with an emphasis on research where student involvement is wanted or needed—on their syllabus for every class they teach, and that this information be included as a part of the instructor information at the beginning of the syllabus.

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