

Amendment to Res. 2023-1

Prof. McLaughlin proposes to amend the resolution as follows:

Based on these findings, the Faculty Council resolves:

The College of Arts and Sciences should be fully supported in implementing the IDEAs in Action curriculum. We maintain that implementing the IDEAs in Action curriculum and establishing the proposed School of Civic Life and Leadership are conceptually separate undertakings that should not be entangled. The Faculty Council supports the adequate provision of resources to the College for the purpose of implementing all aspects of the IDEAs in Action curriculum.

The creation of a new degree-granting school on the UNC-CH campus is a matter for which faculty are responsible. The proposal for a new School of Civic Life and Leadership did not originate with the faculty, was not communicated to the faculty in advance, and has not been studied by the faculty. Faculty members' questions about the vision for the new program--such as the sequencing of coursework, the scholarship that supports the discipline, any overlap with existing courses or programs, and the utility of the program to our graduates—have gone unanswered. ~~Further, public assertions by some University leaders that we impose improper “constraints on what can be taught in university classes” and need additional kinds of political “balance” are false and unfairly malign this faculty.~~

Moreover, the Faculty Council anticipates that the proposed school will consume badly needed resources for the University's existing programs and facilities.

~~For these reasons, the Faculty Council disapproves any further action on such a school under these circumstances.~~

For these reasons, the Faculty Council recommends no further action on this new school until such a time as a proposal from the faculty towards this school is developed and then properly discussed.