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MEMORANDUM

To: Julio Frenk
University President

From: Tomás A. Salerno
Chair, Faculty Senate 

Date: March 23, 2017

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2016-37(B) – Faculty Senate Academic Standards Committee Foote Fellows Honor Report

The Faculty Senate, at its March 22, 2017 meeting, voted unanimously to approve the Academic Standards Committee (ASC) Foote Fellows Honors Report.

The ASC compiled this report to standardize the description, requirements, and benefits of the Foote Fellows Honors Program. The current bulletin description of the Foote Fellows Program and the old General Honors Program does not accurately reflect current practice. The Foote Fellow description below would replace the current bulletin descriptions. The Academic Standards Committee consulted with the Provost's Office, the Academic Deans, Admissions, the Registrar's office, and the Foote Fellows Program Coordinator to ensure the accuracy of this document.

The items below are based on current practice and/or on standards that are already in process as part of the current Foote Fellows Program. The Academic Standards Committee recommends that the following be memorialized as a formal description of the Foot Fellows Honors Program:

Foote Fellows Honors Program

1. The Foote Fellows Honors Program recognizes the most educationally accomplished incoming students at the University of Miami. Foote Fellows have distinguished themselves both in and out of the classroom at their previous schools, are self-motivated and think independently.
2. Admission to the Foote Fellows Honors Program is by invitation and should not exceed the top 15% of the incoming class. In general, each new Foote Fellow cohort should consist of 10% of the enrolled first-year students—including, where appropriate, first-time enrollees—in each school and college, as determined by collaboration between the school and the Office of Admissions.
3. In selecting Foote Fellows, the Office of Admissions and the nine schools and colleges will work to ensure that the Foote Fellows Honors Program reflects the diversity of the student body as a whole.

4. Within the curricular framework of their school or college, Foote Fellows enjoy unmatched freedom and flexibility to explore a multitude of educational resources. Many Foote Fellows leverage this opportunity to take additional majors and/or minors and to study abroad.
5. Foote Fellows have the opportunity to graduate with the *Foote Fellows Honors Program* distinction on the transcript/diploma if a minimum GPA of 3.5 is achieved.
6. At each of the nine undergraduate schools at the University of Miami, a dedicated advisor helps Foote Fellows chart their academic path and attain access to distinctive learning opportunities at the University, such as special school-based seminars, faculty-mentored research, networking opportunities, and off-campus internships.
7. Foote Fellows Honors Program details should be clearly stated on each school/college website and in the Bulletin.
8. The Foote Fellows Honors Program office supports schools/colleges in the development and implementation of opportunities.
9. The Foote Fellows Honors Program office should facilitate and promote interdisciplinary co-curricular opportunities to enrich students' educational experience, provide a pipeline to the Prestigious Awards & Fellowships office, build community among scholars, and provide supplemental advising.
10. University-wide, the Foote Fellows Honors Program may feature:
 - a. A Foote Fellow Lecture Series (faculty/guest speakers)
 - b. Peer networking opportunities
 - c. Collaborations with campus partners (such as Library Research Scholars)
 - d. Exclusive enrichment opportunities
11. Foote Fellows will have early enrollment options in advanced, interdisciplinary seminars taught by leading faculty members from across the University. These courses are being developed as part of the University's Quality Enhancement Plan for Discussion-Based Learning, and they are open to all University students. Further, Foote Fellows benefit from early move-in to the residential colleges and receive focused advising on career options and post-baccalaureate distinguished fellowships and awards.
12. The Foote Fellows Honors Program reflects the educational vision of former University of Miami President Edward T. Foote, who retired in 2000 after serving the University for twenty years.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.


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Enclosure

cc: Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost
William S. Green, Sr. Vice Provost, Dean of Undergraduate Education
Karen Beckett, University Registrar
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Academic Deans

CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #2016-37(B) –Faculty Senate Academic Standards Committee
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PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE

APPROVED:  DATE: 4/10/17
(President's Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: Vice Provost / Dean William Green

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: IMMEDIATELY
(if other than June 1 next following)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____