

## **Resolution for the Reinstatement of the Academic and Global Communications Program**

*Whereas* the Academic and Global Communication (AGC) program (formerly ELIP) is proposed to be eliminated at the end of 2020-21 academic year primarily due to budget issues; and

*Whereas* the elimination of the AGC program will discontinue important courses and support in English writing and communication skills and hinder the English language and academic writing skill development of graduate students, both international and domestic; and

*Whereas* the termination of the AGC program shifts the burden of student English language support previously provided by AGC to other faculty, who already have full workloads and are not trained in these fields or appropriate teaching techniques for language training; and

*Whereas* closing the AGC program will remove necessary language training support for Graduate Student Teaching Assistants, especially non-native English speakers, and thus potentially affecting instructional quality and the undergraduate learning experience adversely; and

*Whereas* the elimination of the AGC program involves curricular matters and the University Curriculum Council (UCC) was established in order to discharge Faculty Senate's responsibilities with respect to curricular matters, including making recommendations that include "addition, relocation, and deletion of academic programs and degrees,"; and

*Whereas* Graduate Council is charged with making recommendations to UCC concerning the elimination of graduate programs and degrees at Ohio University, and has recommended reinstatement of the AGC program; and

*Whereas* Graduate Student Senate has passed a resolution in support of the reinstatement of the AGC program; and

*Whereas* Action Item #7 of the International Opportunities Think Tank final recommendations draft report (dated 3.25.2021) suggested a "commitment of Ohio University to provide support for international students to succeed at OHIO as well as beyond it. Assistance with English language, thesis/dissertation writing, degree completion, legal aspects, interview preparedness, and in securing jobs, is essential";

*Be it resolved*, that UCC, with support from Graduate Council, recommends that the AGC program be reinstated before Fall Semester of the 2021-2022 academic year, when the University expects more international students to arrive on campus, or that its reorganization ensures continuation of the same level of curricular support and services that were previously offered by AGC (and ELIP) to OHIO students, and

*Be it further resolved*, that UCC, with support from Graduate Council, recommends that academic units providing graduate programs work together to create a funding formula to support the AGC in a way that reflects the benefits to multiple colleges; and

*Be it further resolved* that UCC, with support from Graduate Council, requests information transparency to all university constituents for how the university has reorganized the curricular offerings and academic support that had been provided previously by the AGC (and ELIP) program.