

4  
5  
6 **RESOLUTION ENDORSING ESTABLISHMENT OF A**  
7 **BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES**  
8

9 **WHEREAS**, the Academic Planning Committee (APC) reviewed a feasibility study for  
10 a Bachelor of General Studies degree; and

11  
12 **WHEREAS**, such BA and BS degrees will serve as completion degrees, improve UW's  
13 graduation rates, and replace degrees in three distributed majors; and

14  
15 **WHEREAS**, there is strong support for completion degrees to enable students who  
16 earned a significant number of credits to obtain a degree; and

17  
18 **WHEREAS**, the Academic Planning Committee recommends the following changes  
19 to the General Studies proposal:

- 20
- 21 • Increase to at least 60 the minimum number of credit hours required before
  - 22 declaring the major;
  - 23 • Implement a training module for advisors, particularly distance advisors;
  - 24 • Ensure each involved program has an opportunity to be listed under more
  - 25 than one focus area.
- 26

27 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate:

28  
29 Approves the recommendations contained in the feasibility study to establish a  
30 bachelor's degree of general studies as described in the feasibility study (attached - 1),  
31 subject to undertaking changes recommended by the APC (attached – 2).