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Resolution Regarding the Recommendations of Academic Planning Committee and Graduate Council – 2-13 Academic Program Reorganization, Consolidation, Reduction and Discontinuance

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WHEREAS, the University, in order to meet educational, strategic, and budgetary challenges has requested a number of programs to undergo UW Regulation 2-13 review; and

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WHEREAS, any proposed elimination of programs and thus, faculty positions, including those of academic professionals, librarians and archivists, should be driven by genuine educational, strategic realignment, resource allocation needs, or some combination of educational and/or strategic considerations; and

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WHEREAS, the Provost has requested recommendations regarding reorganization, consolidation, reduction or discontinuance from the Faculty Senate as a valued stakeholder; and

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WHEREAS, to meet this request, the Academic Planning Committee and Graduate Council were charged with the review of the materials submitted by the current programs under 2-13 review and to provide recommendations regarding the reorganization, consolidation, reduction, or discontinuance of these programs; therefore

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27 28 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate supports the comments, discussion, and recommendations provided by the Academic Planning Committee and the Graduate Council for all the programs identified by the administration for review under the UW Reg 2-13 as attached hereto except for those outlined below.

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33 34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Faculty Senate at this time opposes the discontinuance of the BA/MA in American Studies and the MFA in Creative Writing. We recommend that these programs be considered with the other programs during the strategic visioning review process.

AUTHENTICATION: The foregoing Faculty Senate Resolution 380, duly adopted by the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming under date of January 25, 2021, is hereby transmitted to the President of the University of Wyoming for review in accordance with UW Regulations.

> Treva E. Sprout Ahrenholtz Secretary, Faculty Senate Dated: January 26, 2021

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