Bill Establishing the UCGA position on the Report of the Task Force on Undergraduate Education

Whereas, there has been widespread discussion on the Report of the Task Force on Undergraduate Education (TUE) on all campuses of Rutgers University-New Brunswick/Piscataway; and

Whereas, the University College Rutgers New Brunswick Alumni Association (UCRNBA) has expressed its support for the TUE Report; and

Whereas, the TUE Report recommends, “We recommend maintaining, as part of the Rutgers College of Arts and Sciences, an administrative unit dedicated to advancing the education of nontraditional-age students. The university should establish a Task Force on Educating Nontraditional-Age Students, made up of faculty and staff who serve them from throughout the New Brunswick/Piscataway campus, and charge this group with providing a comprehensive report on the structures and organization of services that will best support these students.”; and

Whereas, the TUE Report further recommends, “Because of the unique needs of nontraditional-age students, it is important that a unit, headed by a dean with the appropriate staff, continue to focus on their education under any restructuring of Rutgers–New Brunswick/Piscataway. This unit should be part of the Rutgers College of Arts and Sciences and should be charged with the responsibility of maintaining and enhancing the success of our nontraditional-age students.” and

Whereas, the TUE Report calls for a universal Honors Program for all students, both traditional and non-traditional, meeting the same requirements and obtaining the same honor and prestige; and

Whereas, Rutgers University Administration has ensured that all students, both traditional and non-traditional, in the Rutgers College of Arts and Sciences will have equal opportunity for housing; and

Whereas, current University College students would have equal access to all programs offered by the Rutgers College of Arts and Sciences, significantly increasing the number of programs currently available to University College students; and

Whereas, the new programs as well as the University College programs would become available to all students, complementing the current special services available to non-traditional students;

Be it Hereby Enacted that the UCGA endorses the recommendations set forth in the TUE Report; and

Be it Hereby Further Enacted that the UCGA strongly supports the creation of a Task Force on Undergraduate Education for non-traditional students, which should consist of faculty, staff and University College students.

Resolution passed unanimously