University of Idaho Faculty Senate 2019-2020

Title: Resolution on Temporary Emergency Policy for Admission to the Vandal Gateway
Program
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WHEREAS The University of Idaho intends to enroll a pilot cohort for the Vandal Gateway
Program (VGP) beginning in the Fall 2020 semester;
WHEREAS Students being accepted to the VGP do not meet the current standards for
acceptance to the University of Idaho;
WHEREAS The University of Idaho wishes to admit students to this pilot VGP cohort without
requiring a petition to the Admissions Committee as stated in the Faculty Staff Handbook
and the Catalog;
WHEREAS It is deemed that the VGP has potential to improve access to higher education and to
increase diversity in the student body.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO FACULTY SENATE SUPPORTS
the implementation of a Temporary Emergency Policy by President Scott Green as allowed by
FSH 1460 C-3 to allow qualifying students to be directly admitted to the Vandal Gateway
Program until 100 students matriculate or June 30th, 2020, whichever comes first.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE FACULTY SENATE RECOMMENDS that, in
conjunction with the implementation of the pilot cohort of the VGP, the administration work
with the faculty to define the areas of accountability, the tools to assess the program, and the
reporting mechanism for the assessments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE FACULTY SENATE RECOMMENDS that SEM
work in conjunction with faculty and administrators from the College of Letters, Arts, and Social
Science and the College of Science to develop an academic curriculum and a program of support
for students admitted to the pilot cohort of the VGP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE FACULTY SENATE SUPPORTS efforts to
provide VGP qualified students with a program that provides reasonable support to help them
succeed at the University of Idaho in a way that also recognizes the serious budget challenges
facing the university.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE FACULTY SENATE REQUESTS a report later in
the Spring 2020 semester, and in each subsequent semester thereafter for this cohort, regarding
matriculation rates, program budgets, curriculum, and other performance metrics for the VGP