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To: Chavonda Mills; Nicole Declouette

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Subject: Response

Dear Drs. Mills & Declouette,

Please find attached to this email my decision regarding the recent vote of the University Senate to override a departmental and college decision to deactivate a curriculum area located under their control. While my ruling denies the jurisdiction of the University Senate to interfere with local curriculum decisions, I am *procedurally* treating this as if it were a veto. Therefore, by this email, I am enclosing my rationale for making this decision and also notifying Chancellor Wrigley and his staff of my opinion which aligns with the departmental faculty, college curriculum committee and dean's decision – but, does not support the actions of the University Senate to deny the shared governance process of the local faculty and college in determining curriculum matters.

Please note, toward the end of my opinion, as president of this university, I charge you, ECUS and the Provost with specific tasks which will ensure that this jurisdictional overreach will not happen again in the future.

Best wishes,

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