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To: Dean Judy Abbott, Chair-University Policy Committee, Dr. Lorenzo Smith- Provost and Executive Vice
President of Academic Affairs

From: Faculty Senate, Stephen F. Austin State University

RE: Resolution on Recommended Revisions of the Small-Size Classes Policy (7.26)

Whereas the University Policy Committee is considering changes in the Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA) Small-Size Classes Policy (7.26);

Whereas the Provost initially recommended changes in the policy under the impression that there was a significant defect in the Academic Affairs budget but later walked back his recommendations in Faculty Senate and University Budget Committee meetings after disclosures that the budget situation in Academic Affairs may not be as bad as has been presented earlier;

Whereas there has been little discussion of this policy with or information about the changes to the policy provided to the faculty; and

Whereas there has been no research on the current policy or the implications of the recommended changes in the policy reported to the Faculty Senate or faculty; now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Faculty Senate of SFA:

1. urges the Provost and Chair of the University Policy Committee to remove the Small-Size Classes Policy (7.26) from the agenda of the University Policy Committee until such a time as research on the current policy and the implications of the recommended changes in the policy can be conducted and reported to the Faculty Senate and faculty;
2. urges the Provost to implement the 4SP or a similar process to gather wide input and discussion of the Small-Size Classes Policy (7.26) before the policy is returned to the University Policy Committee agenda.

Brian Uriegas, Chair Faculty Senate

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