

**Memorandum: Faculty Senate Executive Council
Amended Motion - Approval of Undergraduate Council Report**

To: Members of Faculty Senate

CC: RJ Hinde, Vice Provost of Academic Affairs
Bonnie Ownley, President, Faculty Senate
Richard Bennett, Past President, Undergraduate Council
Rachel Chen, Vice President and Chair Elect, Undergraduate Council
Molly Sullivan, Coordinator, Curriculum and Catalog, Office of the University Registrar
Pia Wood, Associate Provost and Director, Center for International Education
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From: Katherine Ambroziak, Chair, Undergraduate Council

Date: March 2, 2017

On February 20, 2017, the Faculty Senate executive Council heard the report of the January 31 Undergraduate Council. Items were approved as identified in the minutes, with the exception of all reference to the Peace Corps Prep Program (PCPP) within the Curriculum Committee Report.

The PCPP is a proposed program to be housed in the Center for International Education. It would prepare undergraduate students to be stronger candidates for entering the Peace Corps. The program is designed to consist of four components: (1) **academic coursework in a focused area related to Peace Corps activities**; (2) **hands-on training and experience in this focused area**; (3) development of a student's foreign language skills; and (4) professional and leadership development.

The "focused area" refers to one of six sectors – Education, Environment, Agriculture, Youth in Development, and Community Economic Development. UTK's proposal specified only two of these sectors, Environment and Agriculture.

The Program was approved by Undergraduate Council and was pending approval by the Peace Corps.

On Monday, February 13, Pia Wood, Associate Provost and Director for the Center for International Education, reported that the Peace Corps decided not to approve the UTK application for the PCPP because they wanted to see inclusion of all six sectors.