

## **UCC and Alternative Course Model Proposals**

### **Motion**

The UCC will table any proposals that the committee deems represent a change to an alternative course model until such time as a policy regarding alternative course models is passed by the UFC (along with procedures and guidelines for course approvals related to any approved adoption of ACMs) and those are accepted by the university faculty as outlined in 2.1.6 in the Faculty handbook.

### **Rationale**

The movement to an alternative course model, or any hybrid version thereof, is an important university issue. The ramifications of such a change are complex and far reaching. Therefore, the university should agree upon the policy for such a change before it begins. IF a hybrid model is the will of the faculty, procedures and guidelines for transitioning to an ACM must be detailed. In discussions with the UCC, the Registrar described the ramifications of a change to a hybrid model within a single department. There were significant anticipated and unanticipated issues created by the change. She emphasized the importance of a well-planned transition for any hybrid model that is implemented. Given that the issues with a switch to a hybrid system within the university are likely to be multiplied compared to those in a single department, and given the difficulty that was experienced when making the transition in a single department, determining the university policy and transition plan prior to allowing departments to start any change to an ACM is essential.