Resolution for Micro-Credential Requirements Revisions

- WHEREAS, the College has a growing number of Micro-Credential programs, and
- **WHEREAS**, the College has no explicit policy concerning at which point a new Micro-Credential program takes effect, and
- **WHEREAS**, other internal credentials, such as Minors, take effect on the date of approval by the Faculty Governance, if an Academic Department consents, and
- **WHEREAS**, there is no college-wide policy concerning the number of transferred courses utilized toward Micro-Credential requirements, and
- **WHEREAS**, no more than two transferred courses may be used toward Minors, which consists of five or more courses, and
- **WHEREAS**, the current policy stipulates that courses that fulfill Micro-Credential requirements must be taken within the last 5 years, and at least one of them should be taken in "the Fall 2019 or after," and
- WHEREAS, the meaning of "Fall 2019 and after" in the current policy is unclear, and
- **WHEREAS**, Micro-credential seekers include lifelong learners who take courses over a prolonged period of time;
- **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate approve the following revisions to Micro-Credential requirements:
 - **Timing of Activation.** A new Micro-Credential program takes effect on the date of approval by the Faculty Senate.
 - **Transfer Limit.** No more than one third of total courses required for a Micro-Credential program may be transferred from another institution.
 - **Time Frame.** Courses that fulfill Micro-Credential requirements must be taken within five years of awarding, and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Academic Departments may create program-specific requirements for their Micro-Credential programs within the parameters of college-wide requirements.

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The Proposal approved by the Faculty Senate by unanimous consent on 12/4/2020.