SENATE BILL 423: Updating IT Policies

**WHEREAS** A collection of policies governing information technology were brought forward from UAH's Academic Affairs organization in recent years;and

**WHEREAS** The policies have identifiers of interim policies 02.01.36 through 02.01.49;and

**WHEREAS** The collection of policies faced objections from Senators; and

**WHEREAS** The objections included, among other items, the unworkable restrictions applied overly broadly to (1) research data, (2) computers hosting legacy software and devices, and (3) privately owned devices utilizing UAH wifi; and

**WHEREAS** There have been multiple communications to Academic Affairs administrators of the objections, including in written forms (including a Senate ad hoc subcommittee report of 3 October 2017) and in the form of verbal points raised and documented in open Faculty Senate and in group meetings between Senate delegations and administrative staffers (dating as far back at 2015), yet the objections have not yet been addressed; and

**WHEREAS** Said policies were also initially brought forward from administrators without involvement of affected students and faculty

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

That UAH Academic Affairs prioritize the revision of the policies to address the objections raised by Senators and the Senate ad hoc subcommittee,

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

That a schedule (satisfactory to the Senate's Executive Committee) for carrying out said revision be produced by Academic Affairs and reported to the Senate through the Senate President within 30 days of Senate passage of this bill,

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

That the interim policies named above (i.e., those policies numbered 02.01.36 through 02.01.49) be suspended 60 days following the passage of this bill,

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

That the Senate President shall discuss regularly with Academic Affairs (1) the progress toward production of a schedule and (2) the progress on carrying out that schedule, with these discussions occurring regularly until satisfactory revisions have been accomplished,

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

That the Senate President shall update the Senate on said discussions’ contents at each Senate meeting until satisfactory policy revisions have been produced.