SPECIAL REPORT

OF THE

RULES COMMITTEE

concerning

ASSUMING OF THE TEACH-OUT OBLIGATION
REGARDING THE VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS
AT MOUNT IDA COLLEGE

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The process of closing Mount Ida College and transferring its land, buildings, and other physical assets to the University of Massachusetts Amherst also involves teach-out obligations enabling current Mount Ida students to complete their degrees. Since the College is closing in May, fulfillment of these obligations involves arranging for current Mount Ida students to transfer to other higher education institutions. The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth agreed to take on teach-out obligations for current students of Mount Ida, it being understood that alternate arrangements might be required for Mount Ida students enrolled in certain specialized programs not available on the Dartmouth campus. The Mount Ida programs in Veterinary Technology (one offering an Associate’s degree and the other a Bachelor of Science degree) are among those specialized programs.

After discussion of various possibilities, our campus administration has agreed to take on the teach-out obligations for Mount Ida students currently enrolled in Veterinary Technology programs. This campus would fulfill these obligations using the physical facilities currently on the Mount Ida campus, which include adequate classrooms and specialized instructional spaces,
and employing the faculty currently instructing students in the programs. The Department of Veterinary and Animal Sciences on this campus has expressed readiness to take on supervision of these programs, which have Full Accreditation from the American Veterinary Medical Association’s Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities.

The arrangement is subject to approval by the Board of Higher Education; our action will indicate that the faculty approves assuming the teach-out obligations relating to Veterinary Technology programs at Mount Ida College.

MOTION: That the Faculty Senate approves assuming of the teach-out obligation relating to 25-18 students currently enrolled in the Veterinary Technology Programs at Mount Ida College, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 18-060.