Amendment to the Mental Health and Equity in the Excused Absence Policy (Senate Document #21-22-04) Charge

TO Rochelle Newman, Chair of the Senate

FROM Amy Karlsson, Chair, APAS Committee

DATE September 23, 2022

In the course of the Academic Procedures & Standards (APAS) Committee’s review of the Proposal to Promote Mental Health and Equity in the Excused Absence Policy (Senate Document #21-22-04) the following amendment to charge element #7 was proposed by a Committee member and agreed with by Chair Karlsson:

Consult with Associate Chairs and Directors of for Undergraduate Studies across the whole University in departments that offer laboratory or experiential courses.

The Committee member in question was solicited by the APAS Committee and Senate Staff to help distribute a survey to fulfill the consult to departments that offer laboratory or experiential courses. The Committee member expressed a concern in being able to accomplish the charge as written, citing that there is no real working definition of what would constitute an “experiential course.”

In order to meet this element of the charge, Chair Karlsson is asking the SEC to review these proposed changes to the charge element to broaden the scope so as to allow the survey to be distributed amongst Associate Chairs and Directors across all departments of the University.