Rationale and Justification:
This proposal is based on the recommendations of the Shared Governance Subcommittee and the rationale and explanations are provided below. The complete report can be viewed on the Faculty Senate Website, in the Documents section.

In addition to the current practice of requiring new degree plans or changes in existing degree plans to be approved by the appropriate academic shared governance committee(s), all proposals to convert existing degree plans into online delivery programs should be routed through the appropriate academic shared governance committee(s) for approval. This would include the Graduate Council for online graduate degrees or certificates and the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for online undergraduate degrees. The subcommittee recommends that an “online program” should be defined as a program in which at least 50% of the total credits will be offered through distance technology. This is the standard used by the ADHE to determine whether an existing program requires ADHE approval.