Endorsement of the Report on Pre-Major Advising
Senate Resolution No. 38

SPONSORED BY: Jordan Smith ‘18, Chair of Academic Affairs Committee
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ENDORSED BY: The Senate Academic Affairs Committee

WHEREAS the role of Pre-Major Advisers is described on the website for the College Center for Advising Services as follows: “Advisers assist students in their transition to higher education, help students develop realistic academic plans, encourage students to take responsibility for their educational and personal goals, and help students develop lifelong learning and self-management skills. Advisers refer students, as needed, to other campus resources”;

WHEREAS pre-major advisers are the official resource for undeclared students when choosing courses and making long-term academic plans;

WHEREAS an online and live survey of 249 students\(^1\) and a focus group of 20 students demonstrated that students are dissatisfied with the current guidance they receive from their academic advisers;

WHEREAS the Students’ Association Government Senate Academic Affairs Committee authored a report\(^2\) to address the shortcomings of the current system of pre-major advising and propose solutions; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Students’ Association Senate endorses the “Report on Pre-Major Advising”; and,

\(^1\) “The Student/Adviser Relationship”
http://www.rochester.edu/college/CCAS/parents/students-advisers.html

\(^2\) “Pre-Major Advising for Non-Engineers (Responses)”
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KJBrKymlp1p6zxYYvA961JSopcwWuvYGip7si8F4T5w/edit

\(^3\) “Report on Pre-Major Advising”
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vZ75xmdfmyOzfVwJfhCCGmF-8zPLOtr4Gy6937Ails7zg/edit
LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate charges the Executive Director of Academic Affairs to work with the College Center for Advising Services and the Dean of Freshman to implement these recommendations.

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Speaker, Students' Association Senate

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Grant Dever
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Senate Votes: Yes: 15  No: 0  Abs: 2  Date: 04/11/2016