

ESC Resolution, Dated 4/2/18

WHEREAS the mandated contact hour reductions in the Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry departments directly and negatively impact the educational quality of Engineering students at The Cooper Union, and

WHEREAS these mandates have been passed without allowing for due process or discussion with any governance bodies within the Cooper Union, including but not limited to the Engineering Curriculum Committee, and

WHEREAS these mandates have been passed without allowing affected professors adequate time to alter their curricula and syllabi in a way such that the breadth and depth of material covered remains largely unaffected, and such that major-specific courses do not lose critical foundational knowledge, and

WHEREAS the administration of the Engineering School has made little to no attempt to coordinate this change with faculty in such a way as to ensure its success and the continued excellence of our school, and

WHEREAS the student body has received no formal communication from the Office of the Dean of Engineering or the Office of the President regarding the aforementioned mandated contact hour reductions, and this lack of formal communication is indicative of a larger void in necessary communication and transparency from the Office of the Dean of Engineering and the Office of the President, be it

RESOLVED that the Engineering Student Council voices its support of the petition from the student body below. Be it further

RESOLVED that the Engineering Student Council requests that the Dean of Engineering and the President make immediate and sincere attempts to either overhaul the planning and coordination process for these contact hour cuts such that no aspect of our Engineering education suffers or loses necessary material, or to postpone the implementation of these changes until it can be ensured that it is possible to implement these changes without impacting our education. Be it further

RESOLVED that the Engineering Student Council requests increased transparency from both the Dean's Office and the President's Office regarding these curricular changes, so that all Engineering faculty and students can be informed of and engage with a process that will necessarily impact their education. The Cooper Union must continue to be an innovative and

progressive institution where students and faculty are included in the process of making decisions that affect them *before* those decisions are made, not after. Be it further

RESOLVED that the Engineering Student Council requests, from both the Dean's Office and the President's Office, continued and increased transparency and communication with the student body regarding any and all administrative decisions that concern the student experience at The Cooper Union. The Engineering Student Council rejects the notion of a Cooper Union where students are not actively engaged with, or informed by the administration of, changes that concern their experience at Cooper.