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Resolution in Support of Winter Health and Safety

The Senate is concerned about the University's current practice in regard to winter weather events. A number of injuries from slips and falls from untreated sidewalks have been reported this winter. In support of the health and safety of EMU students, faculty and staff, the Senate recommends:

1. Considering that EMU is largely a commuter campus, if driving conditions are hazardous, a delay in starting time or closure is seriously considered.
2. If the university projects that it cannot ensure that sidewalks, parking lots, roads, and building entrances are free of snow and ice one half hour prior to the beginning of the first class and ensure maintenance of these areas throughout the day, then the university should be closed until such time students, faculty, and staff can safely navigate campus.

Unless this issue is addressed at the University level, it creates confusion for students when some of their classes are cancelled by the instructor due to weather while the University remains open. We recommend that the University takes a more assertive approach to protecting the safety of our community by implementing a more robust ice and snow removal program on campus, and considering more frequent closure when needed.

Approved unanimously by Faculty Senate 1/23/19