REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

Perceived inconsistency between text on page 10 of the FASRP and the corresponding chart on page 120 of the FASRP.

Current text on page 10:

**SECTION E – FUNCTIONS OF THE COLLEGE FACULTIES**

The faculty of the College shall have the power to take action in matters relating primarily to the internal operation of the College, subject to review by the University Senate, which may overrule such actions by three-fifths vote of the Senate membership. Among the powers of the college faculty shall be those of approving courses to be offered within the College, and of recommending to the Senate the creation or abolishment of departments, programs, majors, or minors within the College, and modifications in degree requirements. The College shall report its action on curriculum matters to the Senate Academic Policies Committee.

Relevant section on “Undergraduate Academic Program Changes” table on page 120:

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<th>Undergraduate Academic Program Changes: Is Action Required?</th>
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<td><strong>Type of Proposal</strong></td>
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<td>Courses (including Honors)</td>
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<td>Eliminate course</td>
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Points Discussed by Committee:

College faculty own their curricula. APC lacks the breadth and depth of knowledge necessary to fully assess all curricular matters. College/School Faculty could still take curricular matters to the Senate for review and action.
Pros of Recommendation:
Consistency between text and established policy indicated in “Undergraduate Academic Program Changes” table.

Cons of Recommendation:
The university needs to improve the communication system surrounding course changes that have potential impact on other departments across campus. APC could serve as a central communication point.

Technology/Human Resource Impact:
None

Committee Recommendation:
Strike the last sentence of Section E Article 4, Part II of the Constitution on page 10 of the FASRP, which reads “The College shall report its action on curriculum matters to the Senate Academic Policies Committee.”
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate Committee:

by a vote of __8__ for to __0__ against on ____October 18, 2011_______

Recommends that

Section E Article 4, Part II of the Constitution on page 10 of the FASRP, be amended by striking the last sentence, which reads “The College shall report its action on curriculum matters to the Senate Academic Policies Committee.”

Implementation Date: Immediate; January 2012 for publication

Signed: _______________________________________
       Chair of the Committee

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