REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

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

On March 13, 2013 the Chancellor approved a motion to remove the major-minor concentration from the baccalaureate degree requirements and replace that requirement with a requirement that a standard major be supplemented by a secondary area of concentration: another standard major or a minor or a certificate or another university-approved academic concentration. The purpose of this motion is to add “academic concentration” to the Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures to ensure an approval process for such concentrations.

Points Discussed by Committee:

- We need to align the Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures handbook with the Undergraduate Catalog now that “academic concentrations” will be include in the catalog text.
- “Academic Concentrations” was added to the “Minors, Emphases, and Pre-Professional Programs” row rather than the “Credit-Bearing Certificate Programs and Study Abroad Program” row, since the former has a slightly more rigorous process than the latter.

Pros of Recommendation:

- Aligns Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures handbook with catalog
- Proactively establishes a policy to process new academic concentrations

Cons of Recommendation: None

Technology/Human Resource Impact: None

Committee Recommendation:

Revise the text on page 131 and 132 of the 2013 edition of the Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures to include “academic concentrations.”
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The Academic Policies Committee,

by a vote of ___9___ for to ___0___ against on _____April 9, 2013

recommends that the Part III, Article Six: Academic Policies, Section C: Curricular Development, pages 131 and 132 of the 2013 edition of the Faculty and Academic Staff Rules and Procedures be revised to include “academic concentrations.”

The revised text follows, with **bold, italicized** text indicating new text:

**College Level**
Action on:
- creation of new courses and deletion, modification, updating of courses;
- changes in major, minor, emphasis, credit-bearing certificate, *academic concentrations*, and pre-professional program requirements; and
- suspensions and reinstatements of minors, emphases, *academic concentrations*, and pre-professional programs is required and completed at the College level.

The following are exceptions to this rule:
1. General Education courses require action by the University Liberal Education Committee (ULEC) in addition to College approval.
2. Changes in requirements in the University Honors Program require approval by the University Senate Academic Policies Committee.
3. Establishment, elimination or change in requirements in study abroad program requires approval by the University Senate Academic Policies Committee.

**University Levels of Action for Undergraduate Programs and Academic Policies**
Proposals regarding undergraduate programs typically proceed from the College to the University Senate Academic Policies Committee, the University Senate, and the Chancellor. These include the following:
- Establishment, renaming, or elimination of minors, emphases, credit bearing certificates, *academic concentrations*, and pre-professional programs
- Establishment, elimination or renaming of majors
- Establishment and elimination of degrees
- Establishment, elimination, or renaming of departments
- Establishment of new prefixes (resulting from establishment or renaming of departments)
- Applications for extramural grants/programs with new curricular implications

……..(portions of the Undergraduate Academic Program Changes: Is Action Required (US 11/11) *(4/13)*
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Implementation Date: 2015-2016 Catalog (or corresponding with implementation of changes to the required minor)

Signed: ______Jean A. Pratt_____
Chair of the Committee

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