REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

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

The Pre-Law Pre-Professional Program exists primarily on paper alone, thereby causing confusion. Advisors send students to the Political Science department to add a “Pre-Law” major; the department processes 10-15 major changes each semester for students who think they’re enrolled in a pre-law major. There is no such major. Additionally, 85-90% of the “pre-law” students are already political science or criminal justice majors or minors.

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. There is continued and ongoing confusion on campus related to Pre-Law as there is no Pre-Law major.
2. Admissions still wants to indicate Pre-Law on the University admissions form because they feel that students would not recognize Legal Studies as Pre-Law. Students would click Pre-Law on the Admissions page, and then automatically be redirected to Legal Studies.

Pros of Recommendation:

1. Reduced confusion among students thinking they were enrolling in a major
2. Reduced administrative time processing major changes for a non-existent major.

Cons of Recommendation: None

Technology/Human Resource Impact: Added time for faculty and staff

Committee Recommendation: Eliminate the Pre-Professional Program: Pre-Law (Code 425-900)
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The Academic Policies Committee,

by a vote of __9__ for to __0__ against on October 8, 2013,

recommends that the Pre-Professional Program: Pre-Law (Code 425-900) within the Department of Political Science be eliminated.

Implementation Date: 2014-2015 Catalog

Signed: ______Jean A. Pratt_____
    Chair of the Committee

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