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From: Faculty Academic Policy and Standards Committee:

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RE: The Working Group's requests for Catalog policy clarifications

The Faculty Academic Policy and Standards Committee (FAPSC) met on Nov. 6, 2009, to consider The working group's remaining requests for Undergraduate Catalog policy clarifications as described in the attachment titled "catalog clarification of". The remaining items considered were Items 3, 4, and 5 in the working group's report.

FAPSC members present were Bob Anderson, Andrew Besmer, Thomas Forget, Evan Houston, Dolly King, Mehdi Miri, Susan Sell, and Judy Walker (Chuck Hamaker's alternate). Invited guests from The Working Group present were Carolyn Blattner, Chris Knauer, Alisa Roy, and John Smail.

FAPSC, with significant inputs from the guests, approved two motions to clarify Items 3 and 5, and decided to form a subcommittee to look deeper into Item 4.

Motion 1:

The UNC Charlotte Faculty Academic Policy and Standards Committee moves that the following policy on Page 3 of the PDF version of the 2009-2010 University Undergraduate Catalog be clarified as follows (deletions are in red strikethroughs and additions are in bold blue):

"ABOUT THE CATALOG

The UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Catalog (hereby referred to as the "Catalog") is not an irrevocable contract. Regulations published in it are subject to change by the University at any time without notice. University regulations are policy statements to guide students, faculty, and administrative officers in achieving the goals of the institution. Necessary interpretations of these policies will be made by the appropriate authorities with the interest of the students and the

institution in mind. Students are encouraged to consult an advisor if they have questions about the application of any policy.

The University reserves the right to change any of the rules and regulations of the University at any time, including those relating to admission, instruction, and graduation. The University also reserves the right to withdraw curricula and specific courses, alter course content, change the calendar, and to impose or increase fees. All such changes are effective at such times as the proper authorities determine and may apply not only to prospective students, but also to those who are already enrolled in the University.

~~*Each new edition of the UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Catalog becomes effective at the opening of the fall semester following its publication. To receive a degree, an undergraduate student must satisfactorily complete all requirements described in the Catalog in effect at the time of first enrollment as a degree student at the University or all requirements described in the Catalog in effect at the time of graduation. Any student who changes from one major or minor to another must meet requirements of the new major or minor in effect at the time of the change.*~~

~~*Any student who leaves the University or changes to another major or minor for a period of one calendar year or longer and then returns to the University or to the original major or minor will be required to meet requirements in effect at the time of return.*~~

The requirements specified in this catalog apply to students who commence their studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte during the 2010-11 academic year and who remain in continuous enrollment at the institution until they graduate. If requirements are changed, students may elect to comply with the new requirements or to remain under the requirements by which they are governed at the time of the change. The choice to apply the new requirements must be declared by students at least one semester prior to graduation through their academic departments.

Students who change their major/minor are bound by the requirements of their new major/minor that are in effect the semester they officially begin studies in the new program.

Students who are readmitted to the University are bound by the program and degree requirements in force at the time of readmission.

Exceptions to these policies may be necessitated by changes in course offerings, degree programs or by action of authorities higher than the University. In that event, every effort will be made to avoid penalizing the student."

Rational:

The existing language is not clear about the policy that gives students the option between the old and the new requirements. It also does not guide the students on how to exercise the option. The proposed language clarifies the policy that students have options and that if they prefer the new requirements, they need to inform their academic departments by a specified deadline.

Motion 2:

The UNC Charlotte Faculty Academic Policy and Standards Committee moves that Item 4 in the following policy on Page 40 of the PDF version of the 2009-2010 University Undergraduate Catalog be entirely deleted (deletions are in red strikethroughs and additions are in bold blue):

Transfer Credit from Other Institutions. *Official transcripts are evaluated in the Office of undergraduate Admissions and the results are provided to the applicant and to the major department/college. Determining the applicability of transferred credits to major or program requirements is the responsibility of the department chairperson or program director.*
General rules governing transfer credit:

1) *Only courses taken at a regionally accredited institution will be considered for transfer credit.*

2) *Provisional transfer credit may be granted for study at foreign institutions or U.S. institutions that are not regionally accredited, but must be validated by 30 semester hours of successful performance in residence at UNC Charlotte.*

3) *Courses for which credit is accepted must be appropriate for approved University programs and curricula in which the student is enrolled.*

~~4) Any course from an accredited institution that transfers as a course on the General Education list carrying the "IR" (initiation date retroactive indefinitely) notation will satisfy the goals for which the UNC Charlotte course is applicable. All restrictions that apply to UNC Charlotte courses apply to transfer courses.~~

5 4) *No credit below C level will be accepted; grade points and averages do not transfer.*

6 5) *Transfer credit is awarded only upon receipt in the UNC Charlotte Office of Undergraduate Admissions of an official transcript from the institution where the credit was earned.*

Second Degree students from another institution are not allowed to transfer credits from the previous degree, however, prior coursework may be used to fulfill degree requirements at the discretion of the department.

Rational:

The "IR" designation has become obsolete since Fall 2003 when the current Gen Ed requirements went into effect.

FAPSC Subcommittee on Academic Probation and Suspension

A subcommittee of five FAPSC members and four members of The Working Group was formed to review our current policies related to academic probation and suspension, and to propose needed revisions to FAPSC. The subcommittee members are Bob Anderson, Andrew Besmer, Carolyn Blattner, Cheryl Brown, Cindy Johnson, Chris Knauer, Mehdi Miri, Susan Sell, and John Smail. This subcommittee will be chaired by Mehdi Miri and will have its first meeting on Dec. 4, 2009.