COMMITTEE: Admissions & Retention Policies

MEETING DATE: 29 August 2016

PERSON PRESIDING: John Stillier (Chair of Faculty), Jay Newhard (newly elected Chair)

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Amy Frank, Johannes Hattingh, Jay Newhard, Daniel Shouse, Beth Thompson,

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: John Fletcher, Jane Geissler, Amber Thomas, Trey Nance (rep. of student body)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: John Stillier, Lori Lee

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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Election of committee officers for 2016-2017

Discussion:

Action Taken: Officers elected: Jay Newhard (Chair), Daniel Shouse (Vice Chair), Beth Thompson (Secretary)

Assigned additional duties to:

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Agenda Item: Potential change in University Undergraduate Catalog with regard to Baccalaureate Degree Requirement

Discussion: Current catalog requires a minimum of 30 s.h. and at least 50% of total hours in the major must come from ECU to receive a degree conferred by ECU. Committee has been asked by Professor John Stillier, Chair of the Faculty (cf. Memorandum, 14 July 2016) to consider if 50% of total hours language should be retained or omitted since this requirement is stronger that what is mandated by SACs or GA. It was recommended that George Baily & Rita Reeves speak to the committee to provide historical perspective and context on the requirement. We also discussed that it will be important to get feedback from departments and degree programs about potential impacts if only 25 s.h. were required in the major for a degree. The committee raised the question of how cognates will be considered in the requirement for ½ of s.h. in major. The committee will need to make a decision in October in order to make the deadline for an Oct. senate meeting.

Action Taken:
Assigned additional duties to: Jay Newhard will invite Rita Reaves and George Bailey to the next meeting. Jayne Geissler will investigate policies in other UNC programs.

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**Agenda Item:** Admission policies for “non-traditional” students and language in catalog

**Discussion:** Catalog needs to be clear on admissions policies for various groups of students. Currently the admission policies for “non-traditional” students who are over 21 are not clear. This issue is particularly important with regards to the military and a 8-week on-line program for active duty military that aims to admit students for spring semester; committee needs to clarify if there is a clear admission policy for these students. John Fletcher noted that UNC guidelines have clear definitions for student groups and we will need to follow these guidelines.

**Action Taken:** Subcommittee formed (Jayne Geissler, John Fletcher, Amy Frank) to look into GA policies and language in current catalog.

Assigned additional duties to: John will upload documents regarding GA policy for tracking retention and graduation to Sharepoint site. Subcommittee will notify other committee members when they meet.

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**NEXT MEETING:** 3 October 2016

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

1. Baccalaureate Degree Requirements
2. AMP UP Admission Category
3. Independent Study Courses