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TO: Council on Academic Affairs

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RE: Subsequent Degrees, Request for Clarification

The catalog policy language regarding Subsequent Degrees (section **Subsequent Degrees**, pg. 49 of the Undergraduate Catalog) is currently being interpreted by the University community in two distinct ways. This is resulting in inconsistent application of the policy. Enrollment Management therefore requests a clarification of this policy from the CAA and an endorsement of an editorial revision of the catalog text to reflect the clarification. The language in question notes, **“A subsequent baccalaureate degree requires at least 32 approved hours *beyond those required for the earlier degree.*”** (Italics added for emphasis.)

Clarifications Requested:

I. Subsequent Degree Requirements

The two differing interpretations of the current catalog language are as follows. It is requested that the CAA endorse one interpretation for university wide application.

Interpretation A: *Hours earned prior to the awarding of the first baccalaureate degree may be counted toward the 160 hour minimum required to earn a subsequent baccalaureate degree.*

Interpretation B: *The 32 hours required for a subsequent baccalaureate degree must be earned after the first baccalaureate degree is awarded; regardless of the number of hours earned at the time the first degree.*

II. General Study Degree as Subsequent Baccalaureate

It is additionally requested that the CAA clarify the policy regarding the use of General Studies Degrees as a subsequent baccalaureate degree.

Can a General Studies degree be earned as a subsequent baccalaureate degree?

Historical note: Original CAA paperwork creating the General Studies Degree stated that it could not be a subsequent degree. This proposal was withdrawn; the final approving paperwork did not address the issue. The question remains unresolved and confusion results.

