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**TO:** FACULTY SENATE  
**FROM:** M. TINA DAVIS, INTERIM UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR  
**SUBJECT:** SENIORS WITH 102+ HRS SHOULD BE ALLOWED PRIORITY GRADUATION  
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Each term seniors registering for the final semester before graduation are placed in competition for needed courses with all students who have earned, or will be earning at the end of the current term, senior status. This may create a hardship on graduating seniors as students with less of an immediate need may secure the crucial and highly competitive seats in desired classes. I believe that even a 24 hr. period of preferential registration for graduating seniors would have a positive affect on these students.

The minimum hours to classify as a “graduating senior”, i.e. 102 hr., was suggested based upon the logic that a student registering for 18 hr., and graduating in a degree program that requires only 120 hr., could be entering their final term before graduation.

Therefore, in keeping with the University’s desire to facilitate progress towards degree, it is hoped that priority registration for graduating seniors will assist this group in securing required classes, and thereby ameliorate some of the situations which may force students into attending additional terms before completing their degree requirements.

With this memo I respectfully request the Faculty Senate to consider inclusion of “graduating seniors” into their recommendations on the proposed early course registration policy.

