University Policy Impact Statement

Date Sep 2, 2008

Policy Number (If known)

Policy Name Declaring a Major

Originator(s) Graduation and Retention Task Force, Enrollment Management

Justification for Proposed Changes or for New Policy (Attach additional sheet if necessary)

1) Currently, undeclared freshmen at EKU are advised at a ratio of 400 advisees to 1 academic advisor.
2) Students associated with a major or a college are retained at higher rates.

Consistency with EKU’s Mission and Strategic Plan, Other Policies, and Related External Documents

Cite relevant official statements from EKU or external sources.

The proposed change honors EKU’s “most central core value” of student success by encouraging retention.

Impact on the University

(1) Identify resources (human, financial, physical, operational, technological, other) needed to implement and maintain compliance; (2) Identify changes to EKU’s culture and/or behaviors that may be involved.

No significant resources are needed to implement the policy change and maintain compliance.

List Key Stakeholders who have been consulted. Indicate action taken and the date it was taken. Attach additional page if necessary.

Council on Academic Affairs X Yes □ No □ Other Date 10/16/08 Approved

Faculty Senate □ Yes □ No □ Other Date

Provost Council □ Yes □ No □ Other Date

Executive Policy Group Only □ Board Approval Required □ Additional Pages Attached # of additional pages
Declaring a Major (Revision)

Current wording: (Pg. 50 current catalog)

. . . Students must officially declare a major prior to registration during the semester in which they are registered for their 60th hour.

Proposed wording: (Effective Fall 2009)

. . . Students must officially declare a major prior to registration during the semester in which they register for their 45th hour.