University Policy Impact Statement

Date Sept. 30, 2008

Policy Number (If known) ____________________ Policy Name Subsequent Degree Requirements ____________________

Originator(s) Enrollment Management

Check One: ☑ Revision of Existing Policy ☐ New Policy

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

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. The revised Catalog language would clarify the Subsequent Degrees policy.

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

Cite relevant official statements from EKU or external sources.

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 ☑ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other Date 10/16/08 approved

Faculty Senate ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other Date ________________

Provost Council ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other Date ________________

President ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other Date ________________

Executive Policy Group Only ☐ Board Approval Required ☑ Additional Pages Attached # of additional pages 1
The current Catalog language notes,

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“Students having earned one degree, either from Eastern Kentucky University or from
another regionally accredited institution, may subsequently pursue an additional degree,
either associate or baccalaureate, by completing all requirements of the subsequent
degree, including major, supporting, and general education requirements. While some of
the hours earned from the earlier degree may count toward the subsequent degree,
students must earn at least 16 approved semester hours for an associate degree beyond
those required for the earlier degree. A subsequent baccalaureate degree requires at least
32 approved hours beyond those required for the earlier degree. Hours required for both
degrees must be taken at Eastern Kentucky University or, as approved by the dean of the
college awarding the subsequent degree, at another regionally accredited institution.
Students who have completed a previous degree elsewhere and apply to Eastern
Kentucky University should have official transcripts from the institutions previously
attended sent to Eastern Kentucky University’s Admissions Office.”
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**Revise the catalog language to state:**

Students having earned one degree, either from Eastern Kentucky University or from
another regionally accredited institution, may subsequently pursue an additional degree,
either associate or baccalaureate, by completing all requirements of the subsequent
degree, including major, supporting, and general education requirements. While some of
the hours earned from the earlier degree may count toward the subsequent degree, **Hours earned prior to the awarding of a first baccalaureate or associate degree may be counted toward the minimum required to earn a subsequent baccalaureate or associate degree.**

Students must earn at least 16 approved semester hours for an associate degree beyond
those required for the earlier degree. A subsequent baccalaureate degree requires at least
32 approved hours beyond those required for the earlier degree. Hours required for both
degrees must be taken at Eastern Kentucky University or, as approved by the dean of the
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