Subject: Major/Minor Credits

Reference to Senate Minutes dated: March 24, 2014

Senate Action:
MOTION: The Academic Policies recommends the addition of the following language in the Graduation Requirements (Major and Minor Requirements) section of the undergraduate catalog to clarify acceptance of previously earned credits toward a subsequent degree. (see also attached catalog section reference)

“Credits from a previously earned degree program may be applied to a subsequent degree at the discretion of the unit offering the subsequent degree.”

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

Response requested:

X  approval for placement in University Catalog

approval for placement in University Regulations

recommendation to Board for placement in Board Policy Manual

none (sent as information item)

other action requested/comments:

Dr. Mary J. Schulten

Faculty Senate Chair

March 31, 2014

Date

Administrative review of Senate action (unnecessary for information items):

reviewed by VPAA/Provost. Check ______ if comments attached

reviewed by General Counsel. Check ______ if comments attached

Presidential action:

approve; reject; return to Senate for discussion/modification (comments attached)

President/Designated Administrative Officer

Date

Date of Board approval (if applicable): 

PLEASE RETURN SIGNED ORIGINAL AND ATTACHMENT TO THE FACULTY SENATE OFFICE, BOX 75.
Major/Minor Credits

MOTION: The Academic Policies Committee recommends the addition of the following language in the Graduation Requirements (Major and Minor Requirements) section of the Undergraduate Catalog to clarify acceptance of previously earned credits toward a subsequent degree. (http://unco.smartcatalogiq.com/en/current/Undergraduate-Catalog/Undergraduate-Information-and-Policies/Student-Policies-and-Procedures/Graduation-Requirements)

Exact placement will be determined by the Registrar.

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2013-2014 UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG
(Graduation Requirements)

Major and Minor Requirements
A major is a concentration of courses in a student's declared area of primary academic study which, when accompanied by appropriate supporting courses, leads to a degree. Majors are recorded on the student's permanent record. The requirements for a major are specified in the catalog of the academic year in which the student declares a major.

Certain courses are required for the major, but electives may be selected from a range of alternatives prescribed by the program. Students who are unsure of their major may enter the University as “Exploring” and are advised by Academic Support and Advising. Students are required to declare a major by the time they have completed 30 credit hours toward graduation, including transfer credit. Undergraduate students may transfer from one major to another by filing a Major/Minor Change Form as long as they meet the requirements of the new program. Please note: a change of emphasis area constitutes a change of major. Students changing majors must meet with an academic advisor in the newly declared major to obtain a PIN.

An emphasis area includes specified courses that provide a particular focus within a major. Emphasis areas for majors are recorded on the student's academic record.

An academic minor involves less extensive concentration in a discipline but still imposes specific requirements. An undergraduate minor is a specific set of courses in a subject area or academic discipline. A minor does not alone lead to an academic degree, but may be required by some majors. A minor differs from an emphasis area in that a minor is not a focus within the student's major.

The requirements for a minor are specified in the Catalog of the academic year in which the student declares a first major.

To complete a major from UNC, a student is required to earn a minimum of nine upper-division UNC credits (300-400) or UNC approved Study Abroad credits (300-400) in that major. To complete a minor, a student is required to earn a minimum of six upper-division UNC credits (300-400) or UNC approved Study Abroad credits in that minor.

A maximum of 12 credit hours of coursework can be shared between a major and a minor. Exceptions to this policy may be found in the requirements for individual programs as described in the UNC catalog.

The student must meet all requirements and pass all courses required by the school/college or program from which he or she selects a major or a minor. These requirements vary and are specifically stated in the section of this catalog that summarizes each academic program's offerings including its majors and minors.

Each undergraduate student is strongly encouraged to work closely with his or her assigned faculty advisor in selecting Liberal Arts Core courses, major and minor offerings and elective courses from other disciplines. Students declared as Exploring and selected "seeking" majors are advised by Academic Support and Advising. If a student has more than one major or minor they are encouraged to see advisors in each area of study prior to course registration.