



Steering Committee for the Oversight of HLC and Legislative Academic Compliance

MINUTES

September 26, 2013 11:00-12:00 PM, Carter BOT Board Room

Membership

Members Present: Ann Bentz, Kim Black, Linda Black, Sean Broghammer, Charlie Couch, Joy Landeira, Katrina Rodriguez, Paul Sharp, Marty Somero, Jeanie York

Present: Colleen Sonnentag, Provost's Office Graduate Assistant

Approval of Minutes from 9-19-13

Approved

Legislative Update (*committee discussion in italics; highlighted sections are action items*)

Can Title IV Aid Pay for Courses in Which a Student is Considered a Dual Program or Double Major?

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Scenario: The student is enrolled at one school pursuing two degrees or diplomas (e.g., a Business Administrative Technology degree and Criminal Justice degree, a Criminal and Justice diploma and Early Childhood diploma, etc.).

Answer: As long as each of the programs the student is completing is a Title IV-eligible program, the student may receive Title IV aid for each program. If the student completes the degree requirements of both programs at the same time, the student can receive aid from all of the Title IV programs until completion. If on the other hand, the student completes the first baccalaureate degree/major program before completing the other degree/major program, **then that student is no longer eligible for Title IV grant** (Federal Pell Grant, FSEOG, or TEACH Grant) funds to complete the second degree/major program. [34 CFR 68.32(c)] However, that student may still receive Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, and Direct Loan funds to complete the requirements of the second degree/major program.

Note that your school's satisfactory academic progress (SAP) policy must address how SAP is measured for a student enrolling in and completing more than one program at the same time. For example, the quantitative standards used to measure SAP should be adjusted to take into account the student is completing more than one program.

○ Discussion for the committee:

- Most immediate concern is for our current students receiving aid from the sources considered ineligible because the student has completed all requirements for the first degree.
 - *Degree Completion checked by Registrar's Office upon application to graduate*

- *Financial Aid is aware of issue and has been moving toward compliance*
 - *Examples:*
 - *Some students have no credits remaining to take in degree program*
 - *Students with 3-9 credits left may be taking 12 credits to retain aid*
 - *Mainly Pell Grant money, students still able to receive Federal Loans*
- *Create institutional fund to help make up the difference?*
- *Should we consider limiting to students on a grant to one major?*
 - *Faculty and advisors are not aware of financial situation, only degree completion*
- *Communicate that double majors need to be completed in same time frame, rather than one then the other*
 - *Is this possible with course scheduling?*
- *Only about 5% of students that declare double majors actually complete 2 degrees*
- *University of Michigan may be the only institution tracking this information so far*
- **Add written statement to catalog about double majors and funding**
 - *Take statement from federal government directly, add to catalog, and bring to faculty senate for notification*
- *This information is in financial aid materials via email*
- **Include student-friendly statement when contacted about registration for the following semester**
- *Is it possible to pull a group of students over a certain number of credits (ie, 90) and contact them directly*
 - *Would need to tell all students before—may impact them later*
- *Graduate school degree programs may also be impacted with double majors and credits allowed for internship, dissertation and thesis*
 - **Programs must be sure that the full range of credits for variable credit courses is listed in the catalog** *(some programs may list only six credits as required for an internship but the work extends far beyond the six credits)*
- **WHEN do we begin enforcement?**
 - *Reactionary mode right now*
 - **Notify campus community before registration opens on November 4**
- **HOW do we approach compliance?** *This regulation means that we must monitor progress toward degree completion for ALL of our students.*
 - **Committee highly supports the immediate hiring of a full-time position in the Registrar's Office to track student progress toward degree completion**
- **What is the best approach for communicating our need to enforce this regulation to all students and UNC employees?**

✚ Federal Compliance Requirement: Student Complaints (Commission Policy FDCR.A.10.030)

- *Linda/Katrina update*
 - *Send suggestions to Katrina and Linda by 10/3 at noon*
 - *Highlight things liked from other schools*

✚ **Federal Compliance Requirement: Transfer Credit (Commission Policy FDCR.A.10.040) (deferred due to lack of time)**

- Review website evaluation compiled by Colleen that includes graduate-level information
- Faculty role in course equivalency decisions
- Review charge for the Transfer Credit Committee

✚ **Extended Studies – Main Campus Compliance Connections (deferred due to lack of time)**

- Historically, Extended Studies has had the freedom to operate separately from main campus but, since Extended Studies is not a separate institution, federal law applies equally to Extended Studies and main campus. Thus, Extended Studies falls under review by this committee in the areas of HLC and legislative academic compliance including compliance with Board Policy and University Regulations.
- Discussion (see “Notes for Meeting Discussion”)

✚ **Consumer Information (update; audits) – deferred**

✚ **Dissemination of Committee Work (discuss) – deferred**

✚ **Other:**

- **Dual Credit**
 - Jeanie requested clarification of the following:
 - High school courses can last full year as long there is no way a regular UNC student could enroll in that course
 - *Correct*
 - Jeanie also shared that a parent’s signature is now required for a high school student to take a dual credit course since they will be responsible for tuition
- **Study Abroad**
 - MCB wants to operate a Study Abroad program outside of Extended Studies
 - Jeanie will send the state regulations to the committee

✚ **Next Meeting: October 10, 2013, 11:00-12:00, Carter Board Room**