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Academic Regulations Committee Annual Report for Academic Year 2001-2002

By Joe Kerkvliet, Economics Department, Chair of ARC

Action item 1. We considered changes to AR25, to the effect that a grade of C or better would be required to receive BAC core credit for a BAC core course. Visits to the BAC core committee and the Academic advisors committee revealed several difficulties with this proposal and wide-spread opposition. Therefore, our committee did not go forward to the Executive Council with a proposed change to AR25.

Action item 2. We considered changes to AR17, to the effect that, after one year, an I grade would automatically revert to a A-F grade to be specified by the instructor at the time the I was assigned. The committee was not able to reach a consensus on this proposal and our committee did not go forward to the Executive Council with a proposed change to AR17.

Action item 3. We considered changes to AR2, to the effect that students would be able to transfer up to 124 credits from an accredited community college toward fulfilling their credit requirements for baccalaureate graduation. Visits to the Academic Advisors Council, indicated broad support for this proposed change, provided that language was added to the proposed change indicating that not all of the 124 credits would necessarily satisfy course requirements for the baccalaureate degree. The committee approved revisions to AR2 and presented to the revisions to the Executive Council and then to the Faculty Senate. The changes were approved and AR2 a. will now read in part as follows:

College Transfer Credits: Oregon State University accepts for credit toward a baccalaureate degree all college transfer work completed at an Oregon or other accredited community college up to 124 lower-division quarter credits. For institutional requirements for the Baccalaureate Degrees, see AR25. Students are encouraged to work with the relevant academic unit to ensure that transfer credits meet department and college requirements for the degree...

Action item 4. We considered changes to AR21, to allow a student with disabilities taking less than 12 credits to receive Honor Roll recognition. Discussions with the Office of Students with Disabilities, the Registrar, and Bob Bontrager led the committee to the consensus that it would be better to handle this matter on a case-by-case basis in an administrative fashion. The intended outcome is that a student with a disability who is considered a full time student for other university purposes while taking fewer than 12 credit hours would also be eligible for Honor Roll status.

Action item 5. A student complained that OSU grade point averages are reported on the basis of truncation of any digits beyond two places to the right of the decimal point. We learned that this is the only option in the current version of Banner. We recommended to the Registrar that the next version of Banner purchased be specified such that rounding instead of truncation is the default treatment of grade point averages.

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