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MEMORANDUM

TO Members, University Senate

FROM University Senate Council

RE AGENDA ITEM: University Senate Meeting, Monday, 9 March 1998 at 3:00 PM. Proposed changes to University Senate Rules, Section V - 5.2.1.1 Accelerated Programs

Current Rule:

5.2.1.1 Accelerated Programs The College Board Level Examination Program Subject and General Examinations, the College Board Advanced Placement Examinations, the American College Testing Program Proficiency Examination Program Subject Examinations, and courses evaluated by the American Council on Education for which credit recommendations are made under the Program on Noncollegiate Sponsored Instruction and courses in the International Baccalaureate Program (Higher Level) are recognized as appropriate credit for meeting degree requirements. Colleges and/or departments in consultation with the Admissions and Registrar's Office shall determine and publish appropriate cut-off scores for the CLEP, AP, and PEP examinations. (US:9/13/82) Students with superior results from their International Baccalaureate Higher Level may be awarded up to six credits by the corresponding department of the University. Scores of 5, 6, and 7 normally are requisite. (See also V - 5.1.4, Rules Committee Interpretation, 1/15/93) (US: 4/25/88)

- * Departments may make decisions about allowing or not allowing credit for the examinations mentioned in this rule and about scores necessary for credit or a letter grade, subject to the approval of the dean of the college. (RC: 3/30/89)

Proposal:

It is proposed that no AP or CLEP credit hours be letter graded. Rather, all such earned credit hours will be shown on the student's academic record as course credit (CR).

Rationale: Such a designation would be consistent with credit hours obtained separately from UK coursework. Currently, some AP and CLEP credit hours are graded and some are not. For graded AP and CLEP credit hours, the grade is computed into the student's UK academic GPA. This creates a lack of consistency in grading policies since GPAs using letter grades for AP and CLEP credits hours include work that has not been completed at UK. No other grade completed at any institution outside the UK system is included in the UK GPA. Furthermore, it is general practice at universities across the country to treat AP and CLEP work as transfer credit, generally ungraded, so that a student receives credit for the knowledge but the GPA is not affected. Lastly, this would add additional uniformity to the UK grading practices.

This proposal was initiated by Student Senator Jennifer Miller and strongly endorsed by the Registrar who developed the proposal in consultation with the Senate Committee on Admissions and Academic Standards. It was recommended to the Senate Council by that Committee. The Senate Council recommends it to the Senate.

Note: If approved the proposal will be forwarded to the Rules Committee for codification.

Implementation Date: Fall, 1998