

### **Recommendation:**

That the degree programs which currently use the 800-900 professional program course number series, but which do not meet the recently changed definition by SACS/CPE for professional degree programs, process through the Senate 'minor changes' procedure changes of their course numbers into the appropriate number series, with a goal that the changes will be effective fall semester 2013.

### **Background:**

During earlier years, SACS and the KY Council on Postsecondary Education defined professional degree programs in terms of "first professional degree." However, the Interim VP for Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness (Heidi Anderson) and the Associate Provost for Administration (Jeannine Blackwell) have described that recently SACS and CPE changed the definition so that the only degree programs that are classified as "professional" degree programs (as distinct from undergraduate or graduate degree programs) are those which are programs for the "first professional doctorate." The University Registrar also described to the Senate Rules and Elections Committee that the use of 800-900 number courses by degree programs that are not in the SACS/CPE classification as "professional" degree programs creates difficulties for the Registrar in generating various programmatic reports to external agencies. Therefore, the Senate Rules and Elections Committee submits the above recommendation that these degree programs currently using 800-900 level course numbers but which do not meet the new SACS/CPE definition of "professional degree program" change their course numbers to the appropriate different number series.