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Sheila,

Given that the SAASC approved this once before in slightly different form, and that 4 members have (already) approved this new language, with no negative votes, I am considering it SAASC approved. I attach the new language and justification.

This new language also represents a newly restrictive policy, making the 25% UK component an absolute requirement, although still allowing flexibility on the 30 out of last 36 requirement, and explicitly allowing NSE and UKIC courses to count for that requirement.

To do this work, I have been in contact both with Kelly Crume (UK's NSE coordinator) and Susan Carvalho (UKIC) to make sure we have addressed their concerns.

Raphael

Revision to Senate Rules with respect to residence requirements

March 7, 2013

1 SACSCOC Comprehensive Standard Policy

Page 67 of the SACSCOC Resource Manual, May 2012, stipulates:

3.5.2 At least 25 percent of the credit hours required for the degree are earned through instruction offered by the institution awarding the degree. (See Commission policy Collaborative Academic Arrangements.) (Institutional credits for a degree)

2 SACSCOC's worry about UK's Senate Rules

Because of the possibility that students could take courses outside of UK through the UK International Center or through the National Student Exchange, or by petition, to satisfy the 25% rule, SACSCOC could not determine if at least 25 percent of the credit hours required for all undergraduate degree are earned through instruction offered by the institution.

3 Our recommendation

We recommend making the minimum change to SR 5.4.1 that

1. satisfies SACSCOC.
2. correctly identifies the National Student Exchange.
3. changes “Study Abroad” to the more generic “taken through the UK International Center” at the request of that Center.
4. correctly identifies these requirements as “residence requirements,” not “residency requirements.”

It might be reasonable to remove SR 5.4.1(2), which is always subsumed by SR 5.4.1(1), but that is better seen as a job for the Senate Rules Committee.

4 Suggested modifications to Senate Rules

5.4.1 RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

For an undergraduate degree,

- (1) a least 25% of the ~~credits~~ minimum credit hours required for the degree*,
- (2) not less than 30 credit hours, [US: 9/10/12] ** and
- (3) a minimum of thirty (30) of the last thirty-six (36) credits **

presented for the degree must be taken from the University.

* Courses taken elsewhere with credit transfer to UK, courses taken through the UK International Center (except for courses taught by UK faculty), credits achieved by examination, credits earned via CLEP (the College Level Examination Program), and courses taken through the National Student Exchange do not count toward the 25% requirement.

[The following paragraph has been moved up to this location]

~~** Courses taken under the Study Abroad and National Exchange Student programs (and for which students pay their tuition to the University~~

~~of Kentucky~~ through the UK International Center and through the National Student Exchange are considered as courses taken at UK for purposes of both Rule 5.4.1 (2) and (3)'s residency requirement and for graduates to be conferred commencement honors at the time of award of their degrees under sections A-D of Rule 5.4.2.2. [SREC: 2/14/01 and 5/31/05]

Any request ~~for waiver~~ by veterans ~~of any of the above requirements, or a request~~ or by other students ~~for a waiver~~ of requirement (2) or (3), must be presented for approval to the dean of the student's college. Students who wish to satisfy the above requirement with credit earned through such methods as independent study by correspondence, special examination, CLEP, and other methods which limit the opportunity for active exchange between students and instructors must have the prior approval of their department chair and college dean. At the end of each academic year the dean of each college shall report to the Senate Council, through the University Registrar, the number of waivers granted in the categories of ~~(1),~~ (2) ~~and~~ or (3) above, and for each waiver granted the extent of departure that was approved from the given credit hour requirement in ~~(1),~~ (2) or (3) [US: 9/10/12].