

Brothers, Sheila C

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To: Swanson, Hollie; Brothers, Sheila C
Cc: Pienkowski, David; Wood, Connie; Blonder, Lee; Grossman, Robert B; Brion, Gail M; Hager, Jacquie
Subject: Senate Compliance w/ SACS policies on Senate definition of "Professional" programs

Senate Rules and Elections Committee
November 28, 2011
Minutes

Present: Jones, Blonder, Grossman, Hager, Wood, Brion, Pienkowski

- 1. The SREC discussed the disposition by the Senate Council of the matter concerning the proposed Honors Academy.**
- 2. The SREC discussed the SACS/CPE requirements for the Senate Rules, concerning the University's professional programs.**
- 3. The SREC decided to send forward now for Senate action the revisions to Senate Rule section 3.1, and Senate Rule section 3.3.2, instead of holding those will revisions as it continues to be evaluate revisions for sections 3.2. and 3.3.1.**
- 4. The SREC decided to send the following memorandum to the Senate Council (the precise wording later agreed to by members in subsequent emailings among SREC members).**

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To: Hollie Swanson, Senate Council Chair

From: Davy Jones, Chair, Senate Rules and Elections Committee

RE: SACS mandated change in definition of professional programs

The Senate Rules and Elections Committee discussed today the ramifications of the change in **SACS's** definition of a "professional" degree program. The SREC determined that **it is necessary for the University Senate to bring Senate policies into compliance with that SACS definition.** The previous definition by SACS used the wording "First Professional Degree", while the new SACS policy has changed the wording and meaning to **"Doctor's Degree Professional Practice."*** Three undergraduate degree programs at UK that are no longer classified by SACS as professional programs -- Landscape Architecture (Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture), Nursing (Bachelor of Science in Nursing), and the College of Health Sciences (Bachelor of Health Sciences (Medical Laboratory Sciences) degree) -- currently use the 800-999 series of course numbers reserved by Senate Rules for professional degree programs. The SREC considered the possibility of allowing these three programs to continue using these course number sequences, but it unanimously

concluded that to do so could lead to serious consequences, such as inadvertently incorrect reporting to external agencies such as SACS.

Recommendation:

The Senate Rules and Elections Committee strongly recommends that these three undergraduate programs using the 800-999 course numbering system be directed by the Senate Council to revise their course numbering system to conform to the current SACS definition of "professional program."

It also recommends that these programs be permitted to process these course number changes (and any necessary associated changes, such as the addition of prerequisites) through the University Senate using the 'minor changes' procedures. Finally, it recommends that the programs schedule the processing of these changes so that the changes can take effect at the beginning of the 2013-2014 academic year.

Davy Jones, Chair
Senate Rules and Elections Committee