**Senate Rules and Elections Committee**

**Minutes**

**January 14, 2013**

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**1. Senate Rules re: Transfer of an Intact Graduate Degree Program to a Different Educational Unit**

**The SREC examined how the provision of the Senate Rules apply to the above situation, with respect to the question of the prefix to the courses that are being transferred with the degree to the new educational unit. The SREC noted that SR 3.3.1.A states**

“If changes to a course are being proposed as a part of a new academic program or change to an academic program, then those course changes shall be incorporated into the proposal for academic program change that is processed pursuant to SR 3.2.”

**The SREC interpreted that the wording is “change to an academic program” and not “change in an academic program,” and so the change to academic reporting of an academic program is a kind of change that is captured by the above provision. That is, in the case of change in academic reporting of a degree program, it is not necessary to process individually one-by-one the ownership of each course of the program from the ‘old owner’ to the ‘new owner.’ Rather, the change in ownership can be acted upon ‘in bulk’ as a part of the process to move the degree to the different educational unit. In addition, the SREC interpreted**

\*When a degree program is being transferred from one educational unit to a different educational unit, the prefix to the courses being transferred with the degree may changed as a minor change; however, it is not necessary to change the course prefixes in that situation. [SREC 01/14/13]

**2. Admission to PharmD.**

**The SREC discussed reports that the PharmD. program has admitted undergraduate students who are juniors or seniors in the B.S. in Biology program; i.e., who have not completed the requirements for a B.S. in Biology. The SREC determined that such a practice is not compliant with Senate Rule 4.2.3.2.B, that limits admission to persons with an accredited B.S. in Pharmacy, or who have completed the fourth year requirements of the UK B.S. in Pharmacy. The UK B.S. in Pharmacy was suspended by the University Senate in 1995, with an intent to remain in a state that it could become ‘unsuspended’ (‘reactivated’) if such became desireable at some point in the future. However, under CPE policies a degree program is considered for CPE purpose to be ‘closed’ (i.e., permanent ending of admissions) if it has no admissions for longer than five year. Hence, the B.S. in Pharmacy is ‘closed’ and no admissions could be possible without processing the B.S. in Pharmacy as a ‘new’ program through the University Senate, Board of Trustees and CPE. The SREC directed that the SREC Chair inform the College of Pharmacy that (1) under current Senate Rules it cannot admit to the PharmD. program anyone who has other than a B.S. in Pharmacy, and (2) if the college would like admissions to the PharmD. to be some other policy, the College ought process through the Senate Rules a proposal to change the Senate Rule on admissions to the PharmD.\***

**3. Senate Rules on UK Core to Replace Old USP Rules**

**The SREC edited a proposed draft of new Senate Rules from the UK Core Committee that would update, in part, the Senate Rules concerning the UK Core program.**

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\*Administrative Note: This communication was sent by the SREC Chair to the College of Pharmacy Dean on 01/28/2013