

Student FR-52

February 25, 2016

TO: Dr. Andrew Hippisley, Chair University Senate

FROM: Dr. Ruth Beattie, Associate Dean, College of Arts & Sciences

SUBJECT: Late Degree Addition – December 2015

1. Student Name: [REDACTED]
2. Student Number: [REDACTED]
3. Degree Awarded: BA in Psychology with double major in Sociology, Dec 2009
4. Degree to be rescinded: BA in Psychology with double major in Sociology, Dec 2009
5. Degrees to be awarded: Bachelor of Science – Psychology December 2015
Bachelor of Science- Sociology May 2015

6. [REDACTED] was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Psychology and Sociology in December 2009.

7. The student re-enrolled at UK on 1/15/2014 as an engineering major. The student's readmission profile (attached) does not state the student was awarded a degree or had completed any college level course work. The student immediately changed his degree program to a BA in Psychology. A staff member entered this degree change into SAP on 1/15/2014. The SAP program change screen does not indicate if a degree has already been awarded and so the staff member was unaware the student had previously been awarded a psychology degree.

8. On 4/22/2014 the student added the BS in Sociology and changed the BA in Psychology to a BS in Psychology with a minor in cognitive science.

9. According to Senate Rule 5.4.1.3 a student cannot earn two undergraduate degrees within the same major.

10. The student was able to successfully submit an online degree application through myUK on 4/23/2014 for a Bachelor of Science in Sociology for May 2015. The Degree Certification Officer approved this application on 5/14/2015 and the degree was conferred on 5/26/2015. The screen used to approve a degree application does not show previous degrees awarded, nor does the online degree application software prevent a student from applying for a second undergraduate degree in the same major.

11. The student was also able to submit an online degree application through myUK on 5/14/2015 for a Bachelor of Science in Psychology for December 2015. The Degree Certification Officer certified this degree on 2/11/2016.

12. On 2/11/2016, the Registrar's Office rescinded the previously awarded Bachelor of Science in Sociology degree and denied the Bachelor of Science in Psychology degree.
13. The student has completed the degree requirements for a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a Bachelor of Science in Sociology.
14. The student's faculty advisor was not aware that the student had been previously awarded a degree in psychology and sociology as the readmission profile did not state the student was awarded a degree. Additionally, an APEX audit for this student did not indicate that a degree had been awarded with the two majors in question. Likewise, the program registration screen in SAP does not list if a student has been awarded a degree. Furthermore, the student was able to submit a degree application online through myUK for both of the majors that had previously been awarded.
15. The student should not be penalized for the multiple technical errors that resulted in the two new degree applications being denied. Therefore, the College of Arts & Sciences supports awarding both BS degrees.
16. We are petitioning
 - (a) The rescinding of the BA in Psychology with double major in Sociology, Dec 2009; and
 - (b) The awarding of the BS in Sociology May 2015 and the BS in Psychology December 2015.

Brothers, Sheila C

From: Cooper, Sean R
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2016 1:43 PM
To: Brothers, Sheila C
Subject: A&S Senate petition (FR-52)

RE: A&S Senate petition (FR-52)

I will note that a college advisor, with whom students are required to meet every semester prior to an advisor hold being lifted, has access to prior degrees awarded information via the unofficial transcript and/or SAP's Degrees Awarded tab. This student has been enrolled for five semesters since the initial degree (BA) was conferred in December 2009. I have seen nothing to suggest or support that the December 2009 BA degree was awarded in err.

Sean Cooper, Ed.S. | Senior Associate Registrar | University of Kentucky

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From: Hatfield, Holly N
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 8:08 AM
To: Brothers, Sheila C
Subject: RE: A&S Senate Petitions

Of course! Sorry about that. There were a lot of emails back and forth with the student. I'm also forwarding my initial contact with the student about clarifying the degree programs and the request to follow-up for more direct confirmation.

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From: Hatfield, Holly N
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 3:29 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Submitting Petition

Thank you very much for the confirmations, [REDACTED].

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 3:20 PM
To: Hatfield, Holly N
Subject: RE: Submitting Petition

Yes. Confirmed.

On Mar 18, 2016 2:49 PM, "Hatfield, Holly N" <holly.hatfield@uky.edu> wrote:

Just to clarify, you are confirming that you wish that the College of Arts and Sciences continues with the petition to have your 2009 Bachelor of Arts degree rescinded and request to have two Bachelor of Sciences degree awarded for May 2015. If this petition is granted, your previously awarded 2009 Bachelor of Arts will be removed from your academic record and there will be no evidence in your record that you earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. Please be aware that while a petition is being made on your behalf, there is no guarantee that the Senate Council and Senate will grant it. We will proceed with the petition process and update you once action is taken.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 10:21 AM
To: Hatfield, Holly N
Subject: Re: Submitting Petition

I'd prefer to have both awarded as BS degrees.

-R

From: Hatfield, Holly N
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 9:29 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Submitting Petition
Importance: High

[REDACTED],

I wanted to update you on the progress of the petition that we are submitting on your behalf. We have received some contact from a University Senate representative. She indicated that we may need to reconsider the kinds of degrees we are petitioning for. Basically, we may have a greater chance of approval for the degree changes if we keep your original 2009 degree (BA - Psychology with double major in Sociology) but remove the Sociology major and then award a BS in Sociology for 2015, instead of asking to have your original BA degree from 2009 actually removed from your academic record and two new BS degrees awarded for 2015. Of course, this is just a suggestion, but I wanted to give you all of the information I have received after we had previously discussed your options.

So at this point, you can continue to petition to have both degrees awarded as Bachelor of Science, or keep the first Bachelor of Arts and request a second degree as a Bachelor of Science. With this new information in mind, I'm going to ask you to respond to this email to document which option you prefer and we will present your decision to the University Senate. I know this has been a long process but I appreciate your patience and your time!

Please let me know if there's anything I can help with.

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Brothers, Sheila C

From: Hatfield, Holly N
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 8:24 AM
To: Brothers, Sheila C
Subject: FW: Degree Application

Regarding the initial request for direct confirmation from the student. Please see below.

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From: Vaught, Aaron S
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2016 4:01 PM
To: Hatfield, Holly N
Subject: RE: Degree Application

Ruth wants a more direct confirmation from the student. Send him a follow-up email asking for confirmation that he knows if the one degree is resented and the request for the two BS degrees be awarded would be for 2015 and not 2009. Mention Sheila's point about ramifications related to job/school applications.

Also, ask Ruth about the possibility of awarding the BS PSY for 2009 and the BS SOC for 2015 instead of both for 2015.

When you get the confirmation email back from the student send it to Sheila.

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From: Hatfield, Holly N
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2016 3:37 PM

To: Vaught, Aaron S <Aaron.Vaught@uky.edu>

Subject: FW: Degree Application

Regarding the petition.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 1:43 PM

To: Hatfield, Holly N

Subject: Re: Degree Application

I think I understand. Moving forward, I think I'd prefer to receive the BS degree over the BA. Option 1 would suit me best. The timeframe is fine.

Thanks for your follow-up. Sorry for the confusing mess.

- [REDACTED]

On Feb 19, 2016 1:30 PM, "Hatfield, Holly N" <holly.hatfield@uky.edu> wrote:

[REDACTED],

You were originally awarded a BA in Sociology and Psychology in December 2009. According to the University Senate Rules, a student cannot be awarded a second degree on a major that has already been awarded. You have two options:

1. The college will work with the University Senate to try to have the previously awarded BA degree rescinded and the BS degree awarded.
2. Keep the BA degree with two majors that was awarded in December 2009.

If you chose option one, I will work with the A&S Associate Dean of Advising to submit the necessary paperwork to the University Senate. The University Senate will then hear the case and make a decision. This is a petition process so there is no guarantee that the BS degree will be awarded and this process can take a few months but I will update you with any progress along the way.

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