Senate Rules & Nomenclature Relating to
Tracks, Concentrations, and Specializations in SAP

Jones reported on issues in the Senate Rules regarding nomenclature (per CPE definitions) that result in inaccurate SAP reporting of Degree Title (e.g. Doctor of Philosophy), Degree Major (e.g. Statistics) and Specializations (e.g. Biostatistics).

These issues surfaced consequent to recent requests to SREC to review Program Changes in Master's Programs proposed by the Senate Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) documented in the 9/11/17 SREC Meeting minutes, noted that there appear to be other nomenclature issues with how various degree titles and the requisite designations of majors and concentrations (for doctoral and professional doctoral programs) are reported to the CPE from the SAP outputs.

> Issue #1: Currently, SAP internally handles and outputs to the transcript the two highest academic credential hierarchies of 'Degree Title' and the name of the 'Major.' However, SAP does not internally handle or output to the transcript the current nomenclature for the next level (specialization for Doctoral degree, concentration for Master's degree and track for Bachelor's degree). Instead, SAP uses the label 'option' for all three of these (an old nomenclature that predates the fall 2011 nomenclature change by the Council of Postsecondary Education). Hence, the transcript does not accurately show the name of the third level of academic credential.
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> Conversations of Jones and Mazur with Todd Brann, the data analyst in the Provost's Office with revealed that while it would be difficult to reprogram SAP to handle the new nomenclature 'internal to SAP, the programming would be relatively easy to cause the correct academic credential name to be outputted to the transcript (i.e., specialization, concentration or track). He described that he would be willing to implement a request for such updated programming to show the correct academic credential name on the transcript.

Motion: Suggest to Senate Council they request that the Provost's Office enable reprogramming SAP so that it will output to the 'Specialization" (instead of Option, or, as appropriate, outputting Concentration or Track) as the hierarchical entry immediately under 'Degree Major'.

Approved unanimously.