

February 25, 2016

TO: Dr. Andrew Hippisley, Chair University Senate

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

SUBJECT: Late Degree Addition – May 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 Degree to be rescinded: BA in Psychology with double major in Sociology, Dec 2009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 Arts in Psychology Dec 2009
  - Bachelor of Science- Sociology May 2015
6. The student was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology with a second major in 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 On 2/11/2016, the Registrar's Office rescinded the previously awarded Bachelor of Science in Sociology degree and denied the Bachelor of Science in Psychology degree.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 the 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. Taking into consideration that the student has already been awarded a degree in Psychology, the College of Arts & Sciences supports removing the secondary Sociology major from the BA Psychology degree and awarding the BS Sociology degree.
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 BA in Psychology , Dec 2009 and BS in Sociology May 2015

## Brothers, Sheila C

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**From:** Cooper, Sean R  
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**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.

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