POLICY RECOMMENDATION

Transfer Credit for Graduate Programs

Whereas: Title 5 Section 40510 refers to the “Master’s Degree” and indicates that no fewer than 21 units shall be completed in residence; and

Whereas: SJSU currently does not have a policy indicating the number of units that a student could transfer into to a graduate program; therefore, be it

Resolved: That units taken in residence are defined as units taken by a matriculated student in a graduate or post-baccalaureate program at SJSU; and be it further

Resolved: That a student may transfer up to 30% of the graduate degree program provided that department approves the course(s).

Rationale: Title 5 does not stipulate the number of units in a graduate degree that can be transferred. It does define that “not less than 21 semester units” must be in residence.

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Workload Impact: None anticipated

FTES Impact: A graduate program that allows students to transfer units into the program may generate a lower number of FTES.

Financial Impact: There may be a decrease in student fee revenue due to students transferring in degree units.