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Amendment A to University Policy S14-9, Guidelines for Concentrations

Legislative History:

At its meeting of April 22, 2019, the Academic Senate approved the following policy amendment presented by Senator White for the Curriculum and Research Committee. Amendment A to University Policy S14-9 replaces Section I.A, I.B, IV. A and IV.B to bring it into compliance with EO 1071.

Amends S14-9

**Approved and signed by President
Mary A. Papazian on May 13, 2019**

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Guidelines for Concentrations**

Whereas: [Executive Order 1071](#) indicates that “an option, concentration, or special emphasis (or similar subprogram) must constitute less than one half of the units required in the major program”, and

Whereas: An [FAQ](#) was created for EO1071 that clarifies some of the language in the EO, and

Whereas: University policy S14-9 stipulates that concentrations at both the undergraduate and graduate level “must have at least 30% similarity”; therefore, be it

Resolved: That the following amendment be adopted to replace Section I.A, I.B, IV. A and IV.B to bring university policy S14-9 into compliance with EO1071.

Approved: April 15, 2019

Vote: 10-0-0

Present: Thalia Anagnos, Marc d'Alarcao, David Emmert, Cynthia Fernandez-Rios, Susanna Khavul, Cara Maffini, Wynn Schultz-Krohn, Pamela Stacks, Lynne Trulio, Brandon White

Absent: Anand Ramasubramanian, Gwendolyn Mok

Workload Impact: A temporary increase in workload at department, college, and university level for curriculum committees, chairs, associate deans and Undergraduate Studies office staff as programs become compliant.

Financial Impact: None anticipated

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~~I. Curricula Requirements for Concentrations~~

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Undergraduate Degrees

~~Concentrations within a degree program must have at least 30% similarity in the preparation for the major among the base major and all concentrations in the degree program.~~

~~Concentrations within a degree program must have at least 30% similarity in the core courses among the base major and all concentrations in the degree program.~~

~~Concentrations within a degree program must have at least 30% similarity in the major's courses among the base major and all concentrations in the degree program.~~

~~At least 10% of the units for the degree must be a unique set of requirements for that concentration.~~

1. Options, Concentrations, Special emphases or other similar subprograms represent less than 50 percent of the major requirements within a degree program. Major requirements may include preparation for the major.

2. At least 12 units for the options, concentrations, special emphases or other similar subprograms must be a unique set of requirements for the degree.

Graduate Degrees

~~Concentrations within a degree program must have at least 30% similarity in core coursework requirements for the master's degree among the base major and all concentrations within the degree, not including culminating experience (project, portfolio, or 299) units.~~

1. Options, Concentrations, Special emphases or other similar subprograms represent less than 50 percent of the major requirements within a degree program.
2. At least 8 units for the options, concentrations, special emphases or other similar subprograms must be a unique set of requirements for the degree.

IV. Existing Concentrations

The Office of Undergraduate Studies or ~~Graduate Studies & Research~~ College of Graduate Studies will evaluate existing concentrations (those approved in Spring 2014 or earlier) to determine whether they conform with the curricular requirements of Section I.

~~For existing concentrations that fail to conform with the curricular requirements of Section I, the college curriculum committee and Dean must inform the Offices of Undergraduate Studies or Graduate Studies & Research by the end of the Fall 2016 semester whether they approve of the existing concentrations being "grandfathered" in. If the college curriculum committee and Dean do not approve the concentration, it will be discontinued.~~

B. For existing options, concentrations, special emphases or other similar subprograms that fail to conform with the curricular requirements of Section I, the department will bring those programs into compliance by the start of their next program review process.