

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 5.G

DATE: June 10, 2015

SUBJECT: Accelerated Program Coding

During the February 2015 AAC meeting, the council discussed strategies for coding a growing number of accelerate programs in the Regental system. It was noted during AAC discussion that the majority of campuses use the coding primarily to assist with advising/tracking of students who are pursuing one of the accelerated pathways. Since the creation of these programs over time have varied, they have been treated as separate degree programs since students pursuing these programs would need to have their degree audit profiles adjusted to reflect the degree path. However, some institutions prefer that separate degree programs not be established since it may impact program productivity reviews, and degree program reporting. While these factors do weigh in on how institutions may prefer to approach the creation of these programs, there do appear to be benefits to tracking students who are pursuing this as an option.

AAC representatives should be prepared to discuss which of these options should be used going forward to best assist students as they pursue accelerated pathways. Considering that additional programs are likely to be developed in the future, a consistent policy does seem warranted.

BHSU
No Program Available

DSU¹
• Information Systems

¹ How we are tracking them is through the STAL (student academic level) screen in Colleague, we choose the undergraduate degree to track them with and to attach the code on and we enter it in the cohort field that states they are 4+1 students. Nobody was comfortable requesting new degrees for 4+1 students since they are already degree seeking, and they can't be a non-degree seeking student at the grad level as it would impact their financial aid. What I have to do is build them a d.specg.spec program, register them in the grad classes they want and then inactivate their d.specg.spec program so it doesn't affect them getting financial aid. Once they get to the final semester they are graduating in, personnel would take the grad classes and apply them in the undergraduate degree in their respective areas. If they choose to continue on with grad school once done with the Bachelor's degree, they can apply to grad school and the grad classes they took at the time of their undergraduate will apply automatically to their particular grad program.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

Discussion and Recommendation.

- Information Assurance & Computer Security
- Applied Computer Science
- Health Informatics

NSU

No Programs Reported

SDSM&T

Biomedical Engineering
Chemical Engineering (CE)
Civil & Environmental Engineering
Computational Sciences & Robotics
Construction Engineering & Management
Electrical Engineering
Geology & Geological Engineering
Materials Engineering & Science
Mechanical Engineering (ME)
Mining Engineering
Paleontology

SDSU

Economics

USD

Professional Accounting
Master of Public Administration
Biomedical Engineering