

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

**AGENDA ITEM: 5.A (1)**

**DATE: June 19, 2013**

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**SUBJECT: Revision to Board Policy 2:8 - Levels and Numbering of and Enrollment in Courses**

In 2011 the Board adopted a policy establishing a limit of 120 credit hours for baccalaureate degrees. As a result of this change, several policy revisions were made to align existing policies and the derived guidelines with this standard. While it was believed that all issues were addressed at that time, another issue recently surfaced.

Section 3.C of policy 2:8 establishes limits on undergraduate students interested in enrolling for graduate-level courses. Existing policy requires students to have completed 96 credit hours which aligned with senior class status when 128 credit hours was the benchmark. With the move to the 120 credit hour limit, this should be reset to 90 credit hours. To this end, it is recommended that this section of policy be revised as shown below.

**C. Undergraduate Students Taking Graduate Courses**

Undergraduate students who have completed a minimum of ~~96~~90 credit hours may enroll in a limited number of 500 level courses. The Vice President for Academic Affairs may grant an exception for enrollment in a 600 level course. The student shall pay graduate tuition and the courses shall be recorded on a graduate transcript. These graduate courses may apply to an undergraduate degree.

Members of the Council should be prepared to discuss this change.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approve the proposed change to Board Policy 2:8 and move forward to COPS.