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Memo to: Okanagan Senate

From: Admissions and Awards Committee

RE: Student Mobility from UBC Vancouver to UBC Okanagan
(information)

Please find attached for your information a proposal to modify certain sections of two chapters of the Okanagan Calendar: *Admission to UBC Okanagan* and *Policies & Regulations*. The rationale is to facilitate the transfer of students from UBC Vancouver who wish to complete their studies at UBC Okanagan. Our current policies dictate that such students may apply a maximum of 60 credits (or half of the credits required for their programs) earned at UBC Vancouver to their programs at UBC Okanagan. The proposed changes would remove that maximum, which is sometimes called a “residency requirement”. The Committee supports this change because, while one of the key reasons for a residency requirement is to ensure sufficient opportunity to evaluate students’ work at the institution from which they will ultimately graduate, the Committee believes that coursework completed at the other campus of the University is sufficient for this purpose.

The Committee wishes to point out that:

1. Students transferring to UBC Okanagan would still be required to complete all requirements of their UBC Okanagan program(s);
2. The policy changes would only apply to students moving from the Vancouver campus to the Okanagan campus, rather than vice-versa;
3. There would be no change for students wishing to take some courses at one campus while remaining enrolled in a program at the other campus.

If Senate were to approve the revised policies, they would apply generally unless the requirements for a program specify otherwise. The Admissions and Awards Committee hereby requests feedback from each of the Faculties in two areas:

1. Comments on the proposal to modify the general regulations.
2. Consideration of possible changes to each Faculty's degree and/or program regulations as published in the Calendar. For example, the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Arts currently include an upper-level requirement that stipulates that 30 credits must be completed at UBC Okanagan. If the Senate were to approve a change to the general regulations, would the Irving K. Barber School and the Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies like to follow suit by modifying this requirement? There may be similar issues for other Faculties.

The Admissions & Awards Committee requests that Deans submit comments no later than June 30, 2007. After the incorporation of any changes resulting from the consultation process, the Committee will bring a revised submission to the Senate for approval in September 2007.

UBC Admissions Proposal Form Change to Course or Program

Faculty: Unit/Dept.: Faculty Approval Date: Effective Session: Winter Term 2 2007	Date: 2007.04.12 Contact Person: Jan Cioe Phone 807-8732 Email: jan.cioe@ubc.ca
Proposed Calendar Entries:	URL: (URL from the current web Calendar – not the draft calendar. This URL is not needed if you are only making changes to existing content - for course entries simply list the course number.) Changing campuses: http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=2,21,0,0 Requirements to receive a degree or diploma: http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=3,297,0,0 BA Degree requirements: http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=18,282,857,1084 BA General Studies: http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=18,282,857,1126 Present Calendar Entry:
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V. Policies and Regulations

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1. satisfy all the program requirements by completing studies either at UBC or elsewhere;
2. satisfy at least 50% of the credits required for the program while registered in the program¹; and
3. for undergraduate programs, complete upper-division UBC credits to satisfy at least 50% of the credits required by point (2) above.

To complete a second or subsequent undergraduate degree or diploma program, a student must, in addition to the three requirements above, also complete at least as many upper-division (i.e., 300- or 400-level) credits as are normally required for that program while registered in it. A student may enrol in a degree program more than once provided that the program does not overlap significantly with studies for a prior degree.

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~~Students may normally transfer a maximum of 60 credits.~~

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	<p>Type of Action: Change to residency requirements to include work at UBC Vancouver.</p> <p>Rationale: In the spirit of the principle, <i>One great university, two great campuses</i>, UBC Okanagan will accept all of the university credits toward a degree conferred at UBC Okanagan earned by students transferring from the UBC Vancouver campus. Students must, however, meet the degree requirements, as approved by UBC Okanagan Senate, to be eligible for the degree. Course equivalencies are established by the relevant Faculties offering the program the student is registered in under the authority of Senate.</p> <p>Credits earned within the UBC system count towards all residency requirements for degrees conferred by UBC Okanagan.</p> <p>Accordingly, the following calendar changes are proposed.</p>
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