

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XIV-M12

on renumbering of Thompson School courses that meet baccalaureate major requirements

1. Motion presenter: David Richman
2. Date of Faculty Senate discussion: 3/1/2010
3. Rationale:

In recent years, baccalaureate majors have been required to take TSAS courses, after those courses have been subjected to rigorous examination by the pertinent colleges. However, these TSAS courses do not factor into a baccalaureate student's grade point average, although these courses explicitly meet major requirements for graduation. The current practice is exemplified by TSAS Horticultural Technology (HT) 204, Plant Propagation. Students in the baccalaureate program majoring in Environmental Horticulture are required to take this course as part of their major, but the grades they receive in this course do not figure into their G.P.A.s. Under the following motion, this course would be designated as HT 404, Plant Propagation; and the baccalaureate students required to take the course would have their grades figured into their G.P.A.s. In other current cases, there is dual numbering of courses. Thus, students take the same class but receive different academic recognition for it. Applied Animal Science, (AAS) 232/ANSCI 432, Animal Forages, provides an example. Thompson School students sign up for Animal Forages as AAS 232, while 4-year students sign up for Animal Forages as ANSCI 432. The course is delivered as Animal Forages to both sets of students sitting in the same class and taught by the same instructor using the same syllabus with exactly the same academic requirements used to assign final grades for the course. Under the following motion, this course would be designated as AAS 432, Animal Forages. This motion applies only to courses taught by the Thompson School, that baccalaureate students are required to take. The dean of the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture supports the motion put forth by the Academic Affairs Committee.

Under this motion a Thompson School student, who transfers to UNH after taking a course described above, could get credit for a 400-level course which would count towards the number of credits required for graduation. On 1/24/2000, the Faculty Senate passed a motion saying that University of New Hampshire Baccalaureate or Associate in Arts degree candidates may take any Thompson School courses with 200 numbers for credit with certain stipulations and restrictions, one of which was that grades received in 200-numbered courses would be recorded on the student's transcript but would not affect or be included in the student's GPA. On 5/2/2005, the Faculty Senate passed a motion that BA/BS candidates may take more than 16 credits of Thompson School courses but would need a grade of C or better to receive credit for Thompson School courses. Today's motion would indicate that all TSAS courses that specifically meet baccalaureate major requirements be changed to appropriate TSAS 400 or 500 numbers now and in the future. The motion is appropriate for the Faculty Senate, because the senate has as a purview intercollegiate academic policy and this motion would affect more than one college. There is already a recognized approval process in place for courses to meet

baccalaureate major requirements; and this process involves approval by the baccalaureate department, the college, and the provost.

4. Motion:

The motion is that all TSAS courses that specifically meet baccalaureate major requirements be changed to appropriate TSAS 400 and 500 numbers. These courses would maintain their appropriate Thompson School departmental designations.

5. Senate action: passed unanimously.

6. Senate chair's signature: 

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on 3-23, 2010

Forwarded to: Provost John Aber, on March 23, 2010

Forwarded to: Tom Brady, COLSA Dean, on March 23, 2010

Forwarded to: Regina Smick-Attisano, Director of the Thompson School, on March 23, 2010

Forwarded to: Kathy Forbes, Registrar, on March 23, 2010

Forwarded to: Robert McGann, Director of Admissions, on March 23, 2010