



Policy Changes Adopted on Second Reading

Title: Approval of a Change in Length of Term Affecting Allocation of Credit

The Board of Trustees adopted these policies on second reading at its meeting on November 1, 2012.

Background

Institutions may make large-scale changes across one or more academic divisions involving the amount of credit given for successful completion of courses, such as a pervasive move from the standard of 3-semester hour courses per semester to 4-semester hour courses per semester. While such changes at institutions are sometimes characterized as routine, they often involve myriad changes at the course level to make the adjustments in credit hour assignment and course content, in information provided to students, in tuition and billing, and other areas of an institution. Because of the myriad details, such a change is likely to be an infrequent but significant event in the life of an institution. The policy requires institutions to notify the Commission about such changes before they take place and engages in a review process appropriate to the magnitude of change expected.

Implementation

These policies are effective immediately.🌿

Policy INST.F.20.030	<p>Institutional Change Requiring Notification or Approval (Only Partial Policy Shown. See Policy Book for complete policy.)</p> <p>4. A change in one or more of the following requires NOTIFICATION OR APPROVAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • change from clock to credit hours in one or more institutional programs; • substantial increase or decrease in the number of clock or credit hours required for successful completion of an academic program; • change in term length (e.g. semesters to quarters or semesters to a five-week compressed term) that affects 25% or more of all the institution’s courses or programs; and • increase or decrease in the number of credit hours per course in 25% or more of the courses in the institution's curriculum.
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