THE FACULTY SENATE

May 15, 1997

Dr. Ray M. Bowen
President
Texas A&M University

Dear President Bowen:

At its regular meeting held May 16, 1997 the Faculty Senate approved the enclosed changes to the 1997-1998 Texas A&M Student Rules and recommends them for your approval.

Paragraph 14.3 on Double Majors and Second Degrees has been revised from the originally approved Faculty Senate resolution. I, as Speaker, along with Senators Tom Wehrly, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, and Richard Shumway, member of the Academic Affairs Committee, met, as a conference committee, with Associate Provost Sallie Sheppard, Associate Dean Karen Kubena, and Associate Dean James Holste and approved the revised policy. Subsequent to the Senate action, the proposed rules were approved by Academic Program Council (APC) and Academic Operations Committee (AOC).

Thank you for considering these items. Please inform me of your action on these recommendations.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Oberhelman
Speaker, 1996-97

Enclosure

pc: Dr. Ronald G. Douglas, Executive Vice President & Provost
Dr. Brent G. Paterson, Chair, Rules & Regulations Committee

APPROVED

DATE

6/30/97

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14.3—A candidate pursuing a second baccalaureate degree must have completed all the essential work of the second curriculum not covered in the first, as defined by the dean of the college granting the second degree. In such cases, the total semester hours required must be at least 30 semester hours additional to the greater number required for either degree. The student must have a minimum of 36 semester hours of 300-400 level courses, 12 hours of which must be in the major field of study, in residence at Texas A&M. The student also must meet the citizenship requirements for history and political science.

14.3 Double Majors and Second Degrees

14.3.1 Undergraduate Double Majors

14.3.1.1 Both majors must lead to the same baccalaureate degree, e.g., both must lead to BA or BS, rather than one leading to a BA and one to a BS. The degree for a double major is one degree; one diploma will be issued, with both majors indicated. A student must complete the requirements for both majors before the degree can be awarded.

14.3.1.2 A student currently enrolled at Texas A&M University must receive approval for the second major from the departments, programs, or college(s) offering both majors by the time of the official 95-hour degree audit, and must meet the grade point requirements of the academic department of the second major at the time of application. The form stating that the student has been approved to pursue the second major, must be sent immediately to the department, program, or college in which the first major is located. Some degree programs may limit or not permit pursuit of double majors.

14.3.1.3 A student pursuing a double major must complete all university and college requirements. If both majors are in the same college, the student must complete all department/curricular requirements for each major. If one major is in one college and the other is in another college, the student must meet all requirements for each major. A list of courses required for completion of the second major must be approved by the advisor for that curriculum.
14.3.2 Undergraduate Second Degrees

14.3.2.1 A student pursuing a second degree will, upon completion of all requirements, receive two separate degrees, e.g., two BAs, two BSs, or a combination of either BA, BS, BBA, BLA, or BED degree.

14.3.2.2 A student currently enrolled at Texas A&M University must have the specific approval of the college offering the second bachelor's degree or certification. A form, stating that the student has been approved to pursue a second degree concurrently with the first degree, must be sent immediately to the department, program, or college in which the first degree is located.

14.3.2.3 A student currently enrolled at Texas A&M University must receive approval for a second bachelor's degree or certification from the college offering that degree or certification, normally no later than the time of the official 95-hour degree audit, and must meet the grade point requirements of the academic department or program of the second degree at the time of application. Some degree programs may limit or not accept students for a second degree.

14.3.2.4 A student with a recognized baccalaureate degree from an institution other than Texas A&M University who wishes to complete requirements for a second baccalaureate degree at Texas A&M University or who wishes to complete established Texas A&M University certification requirements generally granted as part of an undergraduate program can be admitted only as a Post-baccalaureate Undergraduate (US).

14.3.2.5 A recipient of a Texas A&M University baccalaureate degree is not eligible for continued enrollment unless he or she has the specific approval of the college offering the second bachelor's degree or certification generally granted as part of the undergraduate program. If enrollment is interrupted, the student must apply as a candidate for a second bachelor's degree.

14.3.2.6 A student pursuing a second degree must complete all university, college, and department/curricular requirements for the second degree not covered in the first.

a. Courses may be used to satisfy the requirements for both degrees. However, the total semester hours required must be at least 30 semester hours in addition to the greater number of hours required for either degree. At least 12 hours of 300- and
400-level course work must be completed in each field of study.

b. All essential work required for a second degree must be defined in advance in writing by the dean of the college granting the second degree.

c. A student who has not been enrolled previously at Texas A&M University and who is seeking a second degree must have a minimum of 36 hours of 300- and 400-level courses, 12 of which must be in the major field of study, in residence at Texas A&M University in order to complete a second degree. The student must also meet the Texas A&M University Citizenship requirements in history and political science.

submitted by: Steve Oberhelman, Speaker of the Faculty Senate, and Sallie Sheppard, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Programs & Academic Services.

reason: The Faculty Senate passed in the spring of 1995 proposed policies on double majors and double degrees. The policies were not approved because of resistance by some academic deans. Recently, the Speaker and Sallie Sheppard, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Programs, met with representatives from Academic Affairs and Academic Operations Committee in order to reconcile differences. The above proposed Rule is the result of that conference.

The Rule specifies the procedures and processes for receiving either a double degree or a double major. Previously, these steps and requirements were not published.
38.3 Skateboards and rollerblades are limited to campus sidewalks and designated recreation areas. Use of rollerblades and skateboards is not permitted within campus buildings and on benches, steps or walls.

Submitted by: Eugene H. Ray

reason: Recreational use of skateboards and roller blades has damaged campus benches, steps, and planter walls. Use within buildings is dangerous to pedestrians and has damaged floors in the buildings.
41.7 The Interfraternity Council, Pan-Hellenic Council and Panhellenic Council Judicial Boards hears all cases brought against member fraternities. The purpose of the Judicial Boards is to provide a peer level hearing body that is aware of and sensitive to the needs and problems within the fraternity system. Procedures and sanctions of these Judicial Boards are Board is outlined in the Texas A&M Greek IFC Judicial Board Manual and individual council constitutions in the IFC constitution.

submitted by: Christi Moore, Student Organization Hearing Board Chair

reason: The words Pan-Hellenic Council and Panhellenic Council should be omitted. These organizations do not have established judicial boards that are prepared to hear violations of University policy.