REPORT OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
September 11, 2003

In Cooperative PhD Programs between system institutions the Graduate Council approved the transfer of 691 hours.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. John Giardino, Dean of Graduate Studies and Chair of the TAMU Graduate Program Council
Through: Dr. David Reed, Chair COALS Graduate Program Council

FROM: Michael Arnold, Assoc. Head for Res. & Grad. Studies

DATE: July 24, 2003

SUBJECT: Clarification of transfer credit for 691 hours in cooperative Ph.D. programs

In the course of transferring credits for 691 from TAMU-Kingsville to TAMU for use on degree plans in the Cooperative Ph.D. program in Horticulture between our institutions, we encountered rejection of the 691 hours by TAMU that were taken at TAMU-Kingsville. On page 115 of the 2002-2003 TAMU Graduate Catalog, an exception is made for allowing these transfers in "Join degree programs". We would like to request that the wording be altered to also allow transfer in Cooperative programs. There is also an inconsistency in the transfer wording that needs to be corrected for both Joint and Cooperative programs. The following change in wording (additions underlined) is requested under the paragraph on Transfer of Credit on page 115 of the Graduate Catalog:

"....... Except for officially approved joint or cooperative degree programs with other Texas A&M University System institutions, credit for thesis or dissertation research or equivalent is not transferable........ Course work in which no formal grades are given or in which grades other than letter grades (A, B, C, etc.) are given (for example, CR, P, S, U, H, etc.), is not acceptable for transfer credit, except for thesis or dissertation research or equivalent hours earned in an officially approved joint or cooperative degree programs with other Texas A&M University System institutions. ...."

Thank you for your assistance and please let me know if I can provide any additional relevant information.

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