MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 12, 2010

TO: Dr. Robert Bednarz
Speaker, Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. David W. Parrott
Chair, Rules and Regulations Committee

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to the Texas A&M Student Rules

Attached please find proposed revisions to the Texas A&M University Student Rules as approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee. These changes are for the following section:

Change in Rules
14.3
14.4
EXISTING RULE:

14.3 Undergraduate Double Majors

14.3.2 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. Students may not pursue more than two majors concurrently in a single degree program.

14.4 Undergraduate Second Degree

14.4.2 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 Change of Curriculum 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.

14.4.3 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.

RULE WITH PROPOSED CHANGES:

14.3 Undergraduate Double Majors

14.3.2 A student currently enrolled at Texas A&M University must receive approval for the primary and secondary second major from the departments, programs, or college(s) offering both majors by the time of the official 95-hour degree audit before the student reaches senior standing, and must meet the grade point requirements of the academic department of the second major at the time of application. The Double Major Request Form stating that the student has been approved to pursue the second major and the remaining course work 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. Students may not pursue more than two majors concurrently in a single degree program.

14.4 Undergraduate Second Degree

14.4.2 A student currently enrolled at Texas A&M University must have the specific approval of the college(s) offering both bachelor's degrees or certifications. A Change of Curriculum Double Degree form, stating that the student has been approved to pursue a second degree concurrently with the first degree, must be sent immediately to the primary department, program, or college in which the first degree is located.

14.4.3 A student currently enrolled at Texas A&M University must receive approval for a second bachelor's degree or certification from both departments, programs, or college(s) the college offering that offering
both degrees or certification, normally no later than the time of the official 95-hour degree audit the student reaches senior standing. and In addition, the student 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.

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

It is making it clearer that approval must be sought from both majors/degrees when a student wants to declare two. Dr. Boyd suggested the shift from 95 to 90 hours since the hours required for senior classification was officially changed to 90 hours. The Student Rules and Regulations committee would like to put forth generic language (senior classification) that would transcend any future changes in hours determining classification (i.e. recently senior classification changed from 95 hours to 90 hours).

COMMENTS:

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