MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 7, 2011

TO: Dr. Michael Benedik
Speaker, Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. David W. Parrott
Chair, Student 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
1.7
8.4.3
14.21
EXISTING RULE:
Student Registration 1.7: A full-time undergraduate student is defined as one who is enrolled for at least 12 semester hours during a fall or spring semester or eight hours in a summer semester. Full-time enrollment for federal financial aid is always defined as 12 semester credit hours, including the summer term (all sessions combined). A Q grade or W grade does not count toward the certification of enrollment status. Only hours for which a student is currently enrolled at Texas A&M University can be used toward certification of enrollment. During his or her last semester prior to graduation, if an undergraduate student is enrolled at Texas A&M in all remaining hours needed to complete his or her degree and has applied for graduation, he or she may be certified as a full-time student for that final semester even though he or she may be enrolled in less than 12 semester hours during a fall or spring semester or eight hours in a summer semester. Students participating in student teaching, internships, and cooperative education programs who are enrolled in less than 12 hours during a fall or spring semester or eight hours in a summer semester may be eligible to be certified as a full-time student with the approval of the Dean of the College or his or her designee.

RULE WITH PROPOSED CHANGES:
Student Registration 1.7: A full-time undergraduate student is defined as one who is enrolled for at least 12 semester hours during a fall or spring semester or eight hours in a summer semester. Full-time enrollment for federal financial aid is always defined as 12 semester credit hours, including the summer term (all sessions combined). A Q grade or W grade does not count toward the certification of enrollment status. Only hours for which a student is currently enrolled at Texas A&M University can be used toward certification of enrollment.

During his or her last semester prior to graduation, if an undergraduate student is enrolled at Texas A&M in all remaining hours needed to complete his or her degree and has applied for graduation, he or she may be certified as a full-time student for that final semester even though he or she may be enrolled in less than 12 semester hours during a fall or spring semester or eight hours in a summer semester. Students participating in student teaching, internships, cooperative education programs, and study abroad programs who are enrolled in less than 12 hours during a fall or spring semester or eight hours in a summer semester may be eligible to be certified as a full-time student with the approval of the Dean of the College or his or her designee. These certifications based on exceptions might not be used to qualify for Federal Financial Aid.

JUSTIFICATION
With the change in the definition of full-time enrollment in the summer to 8 hours regardless of whether they are enrolled in a five week session only, students who are studying abroad are often not able to take enough hours to be full-time in the summer. However, part of the study abroad experience is the expectation that the student must interact with the community and culture abroad outside of the course work they are doing abroad. In some respects, it is similar to an internship in terms of the expected time commitment. Allowing the dean of a college to consider the student full-time will recognize the commitment required of students studying abroad. This change was recommended as part of a recent committee on how we code and charge students which consisted of representation from all colleges, Galveston and Qatar campuses, and the Registrar.

Proposed By:
Name: Joseph P Pettibon II
Department: Office of the Provost
Phone: 979-845-4016
Mailstop/Mailing Address: 1248
E-mail: Jpp2@tamu.edu
**Student Rules and Regulations Committee**

Proposal to Revise Rules

Page 3 of 4

(Additions to rules are bolded and underlined, deletions to rules are indicated by strikethrough)

**EXISTING RULE:**

*Examinations 8.4.3:* A student may claim CBE credits at any point during his or her undergraduate program. Once claimed, credit cannot be declined. The student must complete a form at Measurement and Research Services to claim CBE credits. This provision is effective for those enrolled under the 2009 catalog forward.

**RULE WITH PROPOSED CHANGES:**

*Examinations 8.4.3:* A student may claim CBE credits at any point during his or her undergraduate program. Once claimed, credit cannot be declined. The student must complete a form at Measurement and Research Services to claim CBE credits. **may claim CBE credit online via the Howdy Portal.** This provision is effective for those enrolled under the 2009 catalog forward.

**JUSTIFICATION**

Procedures for accepting credit have changed to allow students to accept credit online.

**Proposed By:**

Name: David Martin  
Department: Measurement and Research Services  
Phone: 845-0532  
Mailstop/Mailing Address: 4239  
E-mail: david-j-martin@tamu.edu
EXISTING RULE:
Degree Requirements 14.21: As an exception to 14.5, a student may qualify for the bachelor of science degree in zoology from Texas A&M by completing the three-year pre-medical/pre-dental curriculum and at least one full year of acceptable work at an accredited American medical or dental school.

RULE WITH PROPOSED CHANGES:
Degree Requirements 14.21: As an exception to 14.5, a student may qualify for the bachelor of science degree in zoology from Texas A&M by completing the three-year pre-medical/pre-dental curriculum. any participating major willing to approve from Texas A&M by completing the University Core Curriculum, half of the hours required for their degree in residency at Texas A&M, 24 hours of junior and/or senior level coursework at Texas A&M, and at least one full year of acceptable work at an accredited American medical, dental, or veterinary school.

JUSTIFICATION
We no longer have the three year Early Admission Zoology degree program. The rule about receiving a degree from any undergraduate major has been around for over ten years.

Proposed By:
Name: Christine Farris
Department: Biology
Phone: 845-3116
Mailstop/Mailing Address: 3258
E-mail: cfarris@bio.tamu.edu