

Longwood University Faculty Senate
PROPOSAL/POLICY COVER SHEET

This cover sheet is intended to provide information to members of the Faculty Senate about a new proposal/policy or about revisions to an existing proposal/policy. **If you are proposing a new policy, then attach the text of the policy to this form. If you are proposing a change to an existing policy, then attach the text of the current policy with any deleted language marked by a strikethrough and with new language marked by an underline. If you are deleting a policy, then attach the text of the policy to be deleted.**

COMMITTEE(S) that authored or sponsored this proposal:

Academic Chairs Council

TOPIC: Revision to Graduation Requirement #9 (in 2014-15 Undergraduate Catalog, p. 50)

BACKGROUND (Provide a brief statement describing the origins of this proposal, the nature of the problem it addresses, and the work completed to devise the proposal):

In Fall 2014, the committee discussed and concurred that a reduction in the number of hours required for a student to submit an application for degree would be beneficial. As it stands, students do not submit an application for degree until reaching 89 hours. This does not leave students with a significant amount of time to rectify any potential issues they have with graduating on time. After conversations by committee members with Jennifer Green and Hannah Ledger, ACC voted to reduce this requirement to 75 hours. An typical undergraduate would then have three semesters to resolve any issues with graduation.

SUMMARY OF NEW POLICY OR PROPOSED CHANGES OR DELETIONS TO AN EXISTING POLICY (Provide a brief list or statement describing the content of the policy or the proposed changes or deletions):

Under Graduation Requirements

9) A formal Application for Degree. File an application for degree in the Office of the Registrar no later than the completion of ~~89~~75 credit hours.

RATIONALE FOR THE POLICY OR PROPOSED CHANGES (Provide a brief statement as to why the new policy, the changes, or the deletion is needed):

Reducing the number of credit hours by which a student must complete an application for degree allows students more time to complete required courses. If, for example, a necessary course isn't offered in the final year of a student's coursework, that student might not have time to develop an alternative plan. Ensuring undergraduates an additional semester to consider and resolve graduation issues has the potential to increase the rate of students who graduate in four years.

Date submitted to Senate Executive Committee for Consideration: Apr 2, 2015

Action(s) Taken: Refer to April 9 Faculty Senate Meeting

Date first read at Faculty Senate: __April 9, 2015_____

Action(s) Taken: Verbal Vote

Date final action taken by Faculty Senate: __April 9, 2015_____

Final action(s) Taken: Approved