Central Connecticut State University
UNIVERSITY SENATE ACTION

Senate Motion Number FS 10.11.017B

TO: President Jack Miller
FROM: President of the University Senate

1. The attached motion of the University Senate, dealing with: Report from Academic Standards Committee is presented to you for your consideration.

2. This motion was adopted by the University Senate on 2/14/2011.

3. After considering this motion, please indicate your action on this form, and return it together with the original copy to the President of the University Senate.

03/27/11
Date
BBarr for CBarrington
Candace Barrington, President, University Senate

ENDORSEMENT:

TO: President of the University Senate
FROM: President Jack Miller

1. Motion Approved: ✔

2. Motion Disapproved: __________ (Explanatory statement must be appended).

3. Action “is deferred”: __________

4. Resolution Noted: __________

5. Other: __________

4/4/11
Date
President Jack Miller
Dear Faculty:

It has been brought to the attention of the Academic Standards Committee that minimum grade standards for courses required in or for undergraduate majors and/or minors are being interpreted inconsistently. According to the current undergraduate catalog, "... a student must maintain a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 and receive grades of C- or better in all courses required for the major and minor." It is not always clear to which courses this standard applies. For example, courses listed as "Related Requirements", "also required in General Education" and "Additional Requirements", etc., are assumed to carry a C- minimum grade requirement by some programs but merely a passing grade by other programs.

To address this problem, the Committee is proposing a set of consistent catalogue terminology to be adopted by all departments. The Committee would like to stress that this endeavor is intended for clarification and transparency purposes only and is not seeking to alter or impose changes in curriculum.

The Committee proposes the use of the three distinct terms “Requisite Courses”, “Required Courses”, and “Related Courses”. These terms will be defined as follows:

Requisite: those courses typically in the major or minor, offered by the department owning the major; minimum grade of C- required

Required: those courses typically in the major or minor, but offered by another department; minimum grade of C- required

Related: those courses not typically in the major or minor but required for the major or minor; no minimum grade required

All majors and minors will have Requisite courses but not necessarily Required Courses or Related Courses. Note that this does not affect majors/minors/programs/degrees which currently maintain higher minimum grade standards.

The following is a hypothetical major and the grouping of its coursework according to the above three categories:

**Dental Hygiene Major**

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