

REPORT OF THE SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS AND PETITIONS COMMITTEE

The committee has two items to report to the Senate.

I. Changes in the academic policies for the College of Engineering.

The College of Engineering Faculty at it's meeting on September 18, 1991 approved two changes to the College's academic policies. These changes were reviewed and endorsed by the University committee and are presented below for review of the senate. No action is required.

The proposed changes in the University Bulletin are as follows:

- A. Under the College of Engineering p. 97U, add a new section titled "Repetition of Coursework."

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Repetition of Coursework

A student can repeat no more than five engineering courses in order to satisfy the requirements for a degree from the College of Engineering. Multiple repeats of the same course are to be included in the total of five repeats. Regardless of other satisfactory work, after a third failure in any engineering course a student may not register for the course a fourth time

Progression Requirements

- B. Under the College of Engineering p. 98U, add a new section titled "Minors."

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Minors

A student in the College of Engineering may choose a minor from a field outside of the College consisting of at least 15 credit hours of prescribed courses. The minor is intended to develop a coherent program in a second area of study. No course may satisfy both major and minor requirements. Descriptions of specific minor programs are available in the Student Services Office.

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II. Military Call-up Policy

At the time of the military call-up during the fall semester of 1990, it was realized that the university had no clear policy to assist students affected by the emergency. As a result of that experience, the Provost, Arthur Smith, formed an ad-hoc committee consisting of Luke Gunter, Char Davis, Ose Henderson, Jerry Crotty, Linda Bowers, and Mark Shanley as chair.

They developed a policy statement which codified the actual policy approaches utilized during Operation Desert Storm which was guided by the best recollections of George Reeves on university policy during the Vietnam war.

This past summer the University Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee was asked to review the policy and, as the policy includes matters of grading, to bring the policy to the Faculty Senate for approval. Initially, it was thought that this policy might be placed in the university catalogue. However, this seemed inappropriate for something that might not happen again, we hope, for another 40 years. However, to preserve in written form our institutional memory of how best to assist students affected by a national or state emergency, it was recommended by our committee that the military call-up policy be placed in the Academic Affairs section of the University Policies and Procedures Manual; this was agreed to by the Provost. The final version has the support of the Provost, the Registrar, the Graduate Dean, and the Withdrawals Office in Student Development.

The University Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee requests that the Faculty Senate approve the attached policy on "Withdrawal of Students Called to Active Military Duty."