**ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Year End Report to the Senate**

**April 25th, 2013**

Chair: Susan Thompson

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APC Tasks Completed

APC policies approved by the Senate in Fall 2012

1. Latin Honors Criteria at Graduation policy (revised)

APC policies approved by the Senate in Spring 2013

1. Graduation requirements policy (revised)
2. Academic Calendar for AY 2014/15 through 2017/18 with revised APC Academic Calendar Principles

APC Action Items on the Senate agenda 5/1/2013

1. Resolution on prioritization of classroom space
2. Intersession Maximum Units policy

APC carry forward items for 2013-2014

1. Challenge Exam policy revision
   1. Policy was referred because it is not working particularly well now. For example, the current policy’s requirement for applying early in the semester may be restricting certain programs from allowing this option.
   2. Committee research looked at other CSU challenge exam policies and description of issues by Modern Languages Chair.
   3. Background research materials and committee discussions on APC community site.
2. Definition of summer full-time student course load
   1. An issue was raised in CAMP that it is hard for students to receive financial aid for summer programs because they are not considered full-time.
   2. Research traced description of student course load requirements in catalogs over the year and also found old 1994 graduate student policy and memo that also defined load for undergraduates. APC discussed various summer course load full-time requirements for entire summer and for one summer session. We also considered whether to rewrite the old policy or create a new policy for undergraduates and cleanup the old policy for graduates.
   3. However, as discussion developed, it became apparent that the financial aid component placed significant restrictions on our ability to define full-time status. The Director of Financial Aid explained if we use a summer enrollment status other than the regular fall/spring enrollment status, we would be required to change our Pell Formula for all students for the full academic year: fall, spring, summer. Given this information, the committee decided to postpone work on this until next year when that committee might have more time to research the various issues.
   4. Background research materials and committee discussions are available on APC community site. Recommend that next year’s APC review this issue in the fall so any changes could take effect in time for financial aid to implement for the following summer.