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Subject: UK Policy on Graduation Honors re: LCC transfers

Ernie,

Can you please place the following item on the Senate Council agenda at the earliest convenient opportunity?

Background

In April 2000, the University Senate adopted Rule SR 5.4.2.H ("graduation honors") to reflect LCC remaining a part of UK, while the other community colleges left as "KCTCS." The SR 5.4.2.H specified that when an LCC student transferred to UK, not only would UK accept the transferred courses for credit hours towards a UK degree, but also the grades of those LCC courses would factor into the UK GPA and contribute to determination of merit for GPA-based graduation honors.

However, on account of that LCC left UK in July 2004, the Senate Rules and Elections Committee's "deLCCifying" of the Senate Rules recommended deletion of this provision, because LCC no longer met the presumption upon which the Rule was based, i.e., LCC was no longer a part of UK. Note, a consequence of LCC not being a part of UK is that the course content of courses taught at LCC, even if they have the same name as UK courses, are not controlled by the oversight of the UK Senate. Hence, the status of LCC after July 2004 as far as who controls course content was the same as any other institution in the United State, i.e., the UK Senate does not control the content, and hence LCC, as with all other institutions, does not have the grades transfer for GPA purposes when a student transfers to UK (although the courses transfer for credit hours, as with other institutions).

Question to be Addressed

The question arises as to whether UK in the future ought to have a relationship with LCC that is any different than is the situation for other institutions, about its future newly enrolling students, on the matter of GPA calculation for UK graduation honors, for these students who transfer to UK from LCC. If so, what conditions must be agreed to between UK and LCC in order for there to be this different educational policy?

Needed Decision of Senate Council

The Senate Council is in a position and ripe moment (e.g., before the fall 2006 Bulletin is printed with conditions for graduation honors), to decide whether or not to leave the situation as it now is -- i.e., LCC has no relationship to UK different than other institutions about transferring course grades toward GPA-based graduation honors. If the Senate Council would like to have a Senate committee first consider and advise the Senate Council on this matter, then there is a Senate committee that has (under the newly adopted Section I of the Senate Rules) an explicit charge to consider and recommend on matters concerning honors to be conferred to graduates. This is the Admissions and Academic Standards Committee, as seen in the highlighted part of its charge below.

"1.4.2.2 Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) The SAASC is charged to examine and recommend to the University Senate changes: in the admission requirements and grading rules; standards for granting

*academic credit; probation and suspension procedures; and degree and graduation requirements. Basically, the SAASC shall review Sections IV and V of the Senate Rules but may consider other related areas. Recommendations by the SAASC on **conditions of merit and circumstance for (1) graduation requirements, (2) honors with degrees that are conferred to graduating students** (SR 5.4.2.2) and (3) Honorary Degrees conferred to others (SR 5.4.2.3), shall be acted upon by the elected University Faculty Senators, as per KRS 164.240."*

If this were a matter of creating or changing an undergraduate course or undergraduate degree program, the Undergraduate Council would be also be included, however, this issue is more narrow, because no UK course is being created or changed, nor is any degree program being created or changed, and those are the limits of the charge to the Undergraduate Council. The present issue is instead one of calculating GPA for bestowing honors to graduates. If the Senate Council decides to seek the advice of the SAASC, it may want to recommend to the SAASC that it invite Peggy Saunier, or other similar LCC representative, to provide perspective and information. You may also want to invite Peggy to the Senate Council meeting where this is initially discussed.

Thanks.

Davy Jones