

Dean's Charges to CUSA

Introduction

Each year the Dean of the College provides a set of charges to the Committee on Undergraduate Studies and Advising designed to consider ways to improve curriculum, policy, and processes, in order to further the mission of student success.

Work surrounding CUSA's response to the Dean's charges may be divided up among the subcommittees, conducted by the full CUSA committee, or in some cases may be addressed by an ad hoc committee determined by CUSA and the Dean of the College. Approaches to the charges are typically discussed at the meeting in which they are presented (or the following meeting) and consideration is given to the type of charge (i.e. does it fit better with a specific subcommittee), as well as the workload timeline for the subcommittees and full committee.

Dean's Charges to CUSA 2019-2020

- 1. Review College policy related to community college hours limit to ensure alignment with current KBOR policy. Enact any necessary policy changes to ensure consistency with KBOR policy.**

Current College Policy: no more than 64 community college credits may be used toward completion of the 120 hour minimum requirement for graduation.

Current KBOR Policy Excerpt: Baccalaureate degree" means a degree:

- (a) Requiring the equivalent of at least four academic years of full-time postsecondary study consisting of courses totaling a minimum of 120 semester credit hours in the liberal arts, sciences or professional fields.
- (b) Incorporating in its program design the equivalent of two or more academic years of full-time study consisting of **courses totaling a minimum of 60 semester credit hours from institutions that have a majority of degree conferrals at or above the baccalaureate level**, and a minimum of 45 semester credit hours in upper division courses. Institutions are not permitted to make programmatic exceptions, except as authorized in paragraph 2(e). Institutions may make a limited number of exceptions from the 60-hour requirement for individual students, up to a maximum of 6 hours.
- (c) The degree shall require distinct specialization, i.e., a "major," which should entail approximately the equivalent of one academic year of work in the main subject plus one academic year in related subjects, or two academic years in closely related subjects within a liberal arts interdisciplinary program.
- (d) The equivalent of the first two academic years of full-time study (associate degree programs

ordinarily require 64, but in some cases may extend up to 72, semester credit hours) may be from institutions that have a majority of degree conferrals below the baccalaureate level.

(e)The University of Kansas Edwards campus may have transfer agreements with Johnson County Community College that make programmatic exceptions to the requirement that a minimum of 60 semester credit hours be from institutions that have a majority of degree conferrals at or above the baccalaureate level. The University of Kansas and Johnson County Community College shall report annually to the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee on the number and type of programs subject to transfer agreements entered into pursuant to this exception, the number of Johnson County Community College students transferring in more than 60 hours into such programs, and their success.

(Policy/Awards subcommittee)

- 2. Create guidelines for faculty regarding appropriate use and best practices for assigning incomplete grades as a way to better inform both faculty and students of parameters.**

(Policy/Awards subcommittee)

- 3. Expand guidelines related to College degree-specific requirements for the BA and BGS degrees to address expectation that coursework is taken within the College, and also to consider experience equivalencies (BGS Career Preparation requirement).**

(Curricular Changes/Degree Requirements subcommittee)