

Resolution on Parameters for Time to Completion of Basic Subjects

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RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that all undergraduate students be required to complete the Basic Subjects (Area A) and Mathematical Concepts / Quantitative Reasoning (BSMC) requirements in a timely fashion, to wit:

- 1) Native students and transfer students with fewer than 30 transfer units shall complete the BSMC requirements before completion of 60 total semester units;
- 2) Transfer students with 30 or more transfer units shall complete the BSMC requirements before completion of 30 semester units at HSU; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the Registrar's Office shall clearly identify students who are out of compliance with the time to completion of the BSMC requirements on the advising lists sent to advisors at registration time, and shall notify students and their advisors by e-mail of such status, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that faculty advisors may not release registration access codes to students who are out of compliance with the BSMC time to completion until they have agreed upon an appropriate course of study to complete the requirement within one semester, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the policy specified within this resolution be included in the Catalog and in all departmental advising materials for the 2005-2006 academic year.

RATIONALE: *The GE Basic Subjects and Mathematical Concepts courses, including written and oral communication, as well as critical and quantitative thinking, are the foundations upon which other aspects of a university education are built. It is therefore critical that students successfully complete these courses as early as possible in their academic careers, before attempting upper division level work. The UCC has recommended to the Senate that students complete their studies in these areas before their Sophomore years. However, there is evidence that many students delay these basic subjects until Junior or Senior years. This policy provides for a deterrent to students' delaying these requirements beyond their sophomore years while allowing flexibility to upper division transfer students.*

APPROVED – January 25, 2005