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Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2007 5:21 PM
To: Smith, Randy; Tim Watson; Dena Myers; Dutta, Lakshmi
Cc: Case-Smith, Jane
Subject: FW: SAMP request (as promised)
Attachments: request for change in SAMP MS credit hours.doc

Randy,

This proposal from the SAMP reducing the number of required credit hours for their Master's of Science degree was approved by the curriculum processes that we are currently using in the Graduate School to vet curriculum requests (a Committee process with collective review by me and Professors Susan Williams, Melanie Bales, Cathy Montalto and Craig Pederson) while a new system for Graduate Faculty governance is undergoing review by the Senate. Since the proposal reduces the number of required credit hours we are happy to have this applicable to all students, not just those first matriculating in the program. I don't know if this is something you simply wish to report to CAA or whether it requires CAA review. The new degree requirement meets Graduate School standards.

Best,
elliott

From: Elliot Slotnick [slotnick.1@gradsch.ohio-state.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2007 5:14 PM
To: Case-Smith, Jane
Cc: Smith, Randy; Tim Watson; Dena Myers; Dutta, Lakshmi
Subject: Request to move from 50 credit hour to 45 credit hour Master's degree...

Dear Jane,

Apologies for the lengthy time period taken it has taken to approve your request to have the SAMP Master's of Science program reduce its required credit hours from 50 to 45 quarter hours of required credit. As you know, your request arrived in June, well after the final meeting of last year's Curriculum Committee. And, with the current transition from the old Research and Graduate Council to a new Council configuration, necessary curriculum processing was slow to begin. We have now returned to such processing, however, and I am happy to report that your request was approved. I will be forwarding it to Randy Smith for any necessary action by CAA to finalize the processing of your request.

Best,
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June 22, 2007

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Dear Elliot,

The School of Allied Medical Professions requests a reduction in the number of credit hours required for the Master of Science degree in Allied Medical Professions. Currently SAMP graduate students must complete 50 graduate credit hours to receive the School's MS degree. This 50 hours included 10 credits of core courses, 6 credits of research method courses, 6 credits of thesis, 20 credits of track courses and 8 credits of electives. We have redesigned our tracks into areas of emphasis that allow more flexibility in the core and track courses. Because we increased the flexibility of the areas of emphasis so that students can design their own learning within broad parameters, we have reduced the 8 credits of electives to 3, enabling the students to graduate with 45 credits, the minimum required by the University.

We arrived at 45 required credit hours for our MS degree for the following reasons:

- We did not feel that it was justified to require more hours than the University requires.
- We now have a PhD program and we would like to efficiently move interested MS students into the PhD program.
- Certain areas of emphasis will require more than 45 hours to complete the coursework; however, we wanted to use the University baseline as the minimum required by the School.

The change in required hours was approved by the Graduate Studies Committee in April 2007 and reviewed, then approved by a majority of the School's Graduate Faculty in May 2007. I would be happy to share the entire proposal for revision of the MS program if additional information is needed. We would like to implement this new rule at the earliest date possible.
Thank you for the review of our proposal.

Sincerely,

Jane Case-Smith, Ed.D., OTR/L
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