**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS AND STANDARDS**  
December 7, 2010

**PRESENT:** Amber Amari, Scott Burke, Allison Calhoun-Brown, Pedro Carrillo, David Cheshier, Carol Cohen, Laura Fredrick, Patrick Freer, Dena Freeman-Patron, Olga Jarrett, Colleen Joyce, Christopher Kocela, Peter Lindsay, Frances McCarty, Kathryn McClymond, Rashid Naim, Siva Nathan, Felisha Norrington, Joe Perry, Cherise Peters, Chester Phillips, George Rainbolt, Tim Renick, Christine Skwiot, Alexandra Smirnova, Brian Thoms, Elizabeth Throop, Gertrude Tinker-Sachs, Winnie Tsang-Kosma, David Washburn, Sara Weigle, Shelley-Ann Williams

**Minutes of the Meeting of October 19, 2010**
The minutes of the October 19, 2010 meeting were approved as distributed.

**George’s Mea Culpa on Building Tours**
George will arrange tours to visit Georgia State’s new buildings, including the Petit Science Center, Interest Housing and the new dormitory, formerly the Wyndam Hotel and renamed Piedmont North.

**Motion to Delay Implementation of Some USG Core Curriculum Requirements.**
The Committee approved the motion to delay implementation of some USG core curriculum requirements.

Motion:
Implementation of the following Core Curriculum requirements is delayed until Fall 2012.
*Catalog Section 1435: CT, US and GL Requirements*

Critical Thinking (CT): The University System of Georgia requires all students to demonstrate competence in critical thinking. Students satisfy these requirements by earning a passing grade in Phil 1010, Spch 1000, Pers 2001, or Pers 2002. (See Section 1410.20)

United States (US): The University System of Georgia requires all students to demonstrate basic knowledge of the United States. Students satisfy these requirements by earning a passing grade in Hist 2110 or PolS 1101. (See Section 1410.50)

Global Issues (GL): The University System of Georgia requires all students to demonstrate basic knowledge of the global issues. Students satisfy these requirements by earning a passing grade in Econ 2100, Hist 1111, Hist 1112 or PolS 2401. (See Section 1410.50)

**Rationale:**
The USG has delayed implementation of these rules. Under the previous USG implementation plan, these rules were to go into effect for 4-year institutions in Fall 2011 and for 2-year institutions in Fall 2012. However, this would adversely impact students who start at a 2-year institutions in Fall 2011 and then transfer to a 4-year institution in Fall 2012. The USG decided it would be best if all institutions implemented these rules at the same time, in Fall 2012.
**Motion re USG Lawful Presence Requirement**
The following text regarding USG Lawful Presence Requirement died due to the lack of being moved:

The following text is added to the General Admissions Policy, Section 1115 of the Catalog:
In accordance with the Board of Regents policy (see Policy Manual 4.1.6) and starting Fall 2011, a person who is not lawfully present in the United States is not eligible for admission to Georgia State University. All applicants must provide documentation of their legal presence in the US. Applicants will be required to submit a copy one of the following documents with the admissions application: Georgia driver’s license, Georgia identification card, U.S. passport, birth certificate, or permanent residence card.

A subcommittee was formed to consider all the issues regarding the policy including a principle stand against the policy. The Subcommittee is charged with crafting a resolution expressing the views of the Faculty against the policy for consideration at the next meeting.

**Evote on a Change to Double Major Dual Degree Rules**
The Committee approved the Motion regarding dual degrees via an Evote on December 17, 2010.

**Motion re Dual Degrees**
Motion:

Effective immediately

**Deletions**

1340.40 Dual Degrees
Dual degrees are earned when a student satisfies all requirements for two different baccalaureate degrees (for example, B.A. and B.S.) within one or more colleges of Georgia State University. The minimum residence requirement of 39 semester hours at Georgia State University in courses numbered 3000 or above must be met for the first degree. If the second degree is completed concurrently with the first degree, or within five calendar years of the first degree, this requirement shall be deemed to have been satisfied for both degrees. Regardless of when the second degree is completed, the requirements for the second degree will come from the catalog edition that the student followed for the first degree.

1340.50 Double Major
A double major consists of two separate majors in the same baccalaureate degree (for example, B.S. with majors in Criminal Justice and Psychology), regardless of the college or colleges in which that degree is awarded. A double major is earned when the student completes all requirements for each of the majors and all requirements for the degree. The minimum residence requirement of 39 semester hours at Georgia State University in courses numbered 3000 or above must be met for the first major. If the second major is completed concurrently with the first major, or within five calendar years of the first major, this requirement shall be deemed to have been satisfied for both majors. Regardless of when the second major is completed, the
requirements for the second major will come from the catalog edition that the student followed for the first major.

Rationale:
The current policy “freezes” a student’s catalog edition when the first degree is awarded. This policy was made because previous versions of Banner could not accommodate a student having two catalog editions. However, the rule means that a student cannot earn a second degree/major in a degree/major that did not exist at the time the first degree was awarded. The current version of Banner does accommodate a student having two catalog editions. While this problem affects only a small number of students, this motion will remove a needless barrier to student success. The removal of the “freeze” rule means that a student’s catalog edition for the second degree/major would be determined by the usual catalog edition rules as indicated in Section 1340.20 of the Catalog.

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