

To: Faculty Senate  
From: Steve Rosenberg, Chair of Undergraduate Academic Affairs Council  
Date: September 18, 2008  
Re: Council Chair Report

The following is the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Council Report to the September 23 Faculty Senate Meeting. Supporting documents have been provided.

I. Approved Council Minutes

- UAAC Meeting of April 8, 2008

II. Proposed revision to “**POLICY ON APPROVAL OF UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC MATTERS**” (Informational Item)

This document summarizes the rules regarding which bodies need to approve each type of change to academic policy. It was created around 2002 and recently updated by the registrar, who proposed the revision. The intention of the revision was to eliminate the requirement of providing hard copies of materials, and to streamline the document’s presentation, but not to make any other substantive changes. The Council raised the question of why only the Teacher Education Committee was included in the approval chain (in matters affecting Education requirements), while no other programs with certification or accreditation considerations are mentioned. The Council will consider adopting the revised document at its October 21 meeting, after it has circulated among the academic departments for the purpose of soliciting input on any other programs with committees which have a stake in the approval process.

NB: A concern was raised regarding the deletion of the discretionary approval option of the Chancellor, AAC, or Senate over all academic matters (under the “Other” category). The registrar explained that this option appeared redundant in light of the pre-amble to the approval matrix, that there was no intention of doing away with this discretionary approval option, and that she will reinstate this option into the approval matrix in the revised document.