

MEMORANDUM

TO: Amy Nielsen, Executive Secretary
Faculty Senate

FROM: Becky Bitter, Registrar's Office

FOR: Academic Affairs Committee

DATE: 21 March 2019

SUBJECT: Proposal to Revise Rules 53 and 56, on Certification and Decertification

At its meeting on March 19, 2019, AAC approved the attached proposal to revise Rules 53 and 56. The proposal envisions a new approach to how students declare a major, as well as a new understanding of how ongoing affiliation in the major is conceived and maintained.

The proposal is fully supported by the deans, Provost's Office, Enrollment Management, and leadership in University Advising. The proposed change will help the university attract and retain students which will be particularly important as the demographics of college age and young adults shift and decline in the coming years.

AAC members acknowledged that there is much work ahead if the institution is to take this step, but the committee was satisfied that the proposal was sound.

At this time, Faculty Senate review and approval is recommended, to be effective fall 2020.