

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sheila Converse, Executive Secretary
Faculty Senate

FROM: Becky Bitter, Registrar's Office

FOR: Academic Affairs Committee

DATE: 29 October 2014

SUBJECT: Proposal to Revise Rule 53

At its meeting on October 14, 2014, AAC approved the following revision to Rule 53. The revision ensures that the minimum grade point average for certification is clearly defined at the beginning of the rule, where the minimum credits for certification are given. The revision also clarifies that academic units may have higher certification requirements.

Current Wording:

53. MAJOR AND CERTIFICATION

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Certification requirements: Upon completion of 24 semester hours, and meeting department, program, or school certification requirements, a student may certify in an academic major with the approval of the appropriate academic department, program, or school, and upon notification to the Center for Advising and Career Development. Departments, programs, or schools may require additional criteria beyond the minimum 24 hours for certification and a grade point average higher than the minimum of 2.00.

Typically, students with 60 or more semester hours should be certified into a major.

Proposed Wording:

53. MAJOR AND CERTIFICATION

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Certification requirements: The minimum university requirement for certification in a major is completion of 24 semester hours with a 2.00 grade point average. Academic units may hold students to additional requirements, such as additional semester hours, a higher grade point average, or completion of specific courses. Typically, students with 60 or more semester hours should be certified into a major. Students are certified in an academic major with the approval of the academic unit, and upon notification to the appropriate office on their respective campus.

At this time, Faculty Senate review and approval is recommended, to be effective fall 2015.