

Subject: RE: For Mutual Agreement: Resolution re lifting 100 unit cap for priority registration

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Dear Chisa, Bill and Richard,

Another “COVID-19 Time” issue ... I thought that I was working on this issue with Francisco. Evidently it moved forward without my knowledge. There are provisions in Title 5 [see below 58108] related to this, but we had never formally identified “high unit majors” – rather, we have used the petition process to grant relief from the 100 unit threshold for priority registration. When we were forced to begin implementing this by notifying students in the Spring of 2013, we had numerous discussions and reviews and analyses about the numbers of students who had attained more than 100 credit units. I strongly advocated for a different process, but we were forced to implement this. I fully understand the reasoning behind the Counseling Department’s request and the Academic Senate’s support of the Resolution. However, I’m wondering if anyone checked to see how many students we would be reversing priority registration for by doing this. We have a substantial number of students who have attained many units above 100 who would AUTOMATICALLY be given higher registration priority over students who have less than 100 units and need to enroll in critical classes in order to graduate and transfer. I would hope that we could have further review prior to implementation. I have always supported approving waivers for students in high unit majors. I do not believe we ever did the programming to exclude AmLa and precollegiate basic skills units – but perhaps we did and I can’t remember back to 2013! We were supposed to do this, but my notes don’t show that we did. This clearly would have helped many students.

Thank you.
Audrey

§ 58108. Registration and Enrollment Procedures.

(h) Registration priority specified in subdivision (c) of this section shall be lost at the first registration opportunity after a student:

(1) is placed on academic or progress probation or any combination thereof as defined in section 55031 for two consecutive terms; or

(2) **has earned one hundred (100) or more degree-applicable semester or quarter equivalent units at the district.**

(A) For purposes of this section a unit is earned when a student receives a grade of A, B, C, D or P as defined in section 55023.

(B) **The 100-unit limit does not include units for non-degree applicable English as a Second Language or basic skills courses as defined in section 55000(j) or special classes as defined in section 55000.**

(C) Districts may set the unit limit lower than 100 units and may consider units from other higher education institutions.

(D) **Districts may adopt policies to exempt from the 100-unit limit categories of students, including but not limited to, those enrolled in high unit majors or programs.**

(E) Districts may exempt from the 100-unit limit units earned through credit by examination, advanced placement, International Baccalaureate, or other similar programs.

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Hi all,

The attached resolution (second attachment) was passed by Senate Exec on behalf of the full Senate today. I am forwarding it for mutual agreement with some urgency so that it can be decided before summer registration begins. The resolution calls for a waiving of the policy of removing priority registration for students who have completed over 100- degree applicable units for the Summer 2020. Providing students this waiver as they are dealing with the impact of such an unusual semester. Additionally, the review will have to be undertaken by Counselors, so we have an opportunity to save them the work to review all the appeals that they might get if are able to agree to not remove priority registration for the summer session.

I have also attached the proposal that was sent to Senate by the Counseling 100 Unit Workgroup. You'll see that they are asking for a 4-term waiver. There is a second resolution for fall 2020, and winter and spring 2021, that will be going to Senate separately, as there was not the same time urgency in that matter.

I hope that we can come to mutual agreement on this matter via email so that we might be able to move forward with implementation. If it is not possible to do so over email I will ask that we schedule a meeting between now and our next scheduled AMAC.

Thanks!

Chisa

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