Faculty Senate Routing Form
(Senate Action/Resolution/Recommendation Attached)

I. Item Description

a) Item Title: Transfer Credit Policy Change

b) Item Identification (Year-Month-Action number): 12130405

c) Brief Description: Amend the academic catalog on the number of hours accepted for those transferring from community colleges

d) Type: ☑ Action ☐ Resolution ☐ Recommendation

e) Initiated by: Executive Committee

II. Faculty Senate Action:

☑ approved ☐ not approved ☐ other date: 04/03/2013

Senate Vote: 23 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Comments:

Faculty Senate Chair Signature: [Signature] date 4/18/13

Faculty Senate Secretary Signature: [Signature] date 4/18/13

III. Chancellor:

Requested Action:

☑ For information ☑ Recognition of receipt

☑ For Action

Chancellor Action:

☑ approved ☐ not approved

Unit/Person Responsible for implementation

Comments:

Chancellor signature [Signature] date 7/11/13

Once finalized, copies will be returned to Special Assistant to the Chancellor who will scan and distribute electronically to: Chancellor, Provost, Chair of Faculty Senate, and Secretary of the Faculty Senate. The latter will post the Proposal/Recommendation/Resolution on the Faculty Senate Website.
Appendix B

Proposals from the Offices of Academic Affairs and Enrollment Planning and Recruitment:

On page 73 of the 2012-13 UNCP Academic Catalog, under the “Transfer Students” section,
CHANGE

From

The classification of transfer students (freshman, sophomore, junior or senior) is determined by
the number of transfer credit hours accepted by UNC Pembroke. The maximum transfer credit
hours accepted from a two-year institution ranges from 60-64 semester hours. Although there is
no limit on credit hours accepted for a student who transfers from a four-year institution, a
30-hour residency is required to graduate from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke,
and students must satisfy all UNC Pembroke degree requirements for their chosen major.

To

The classification of transfer students (freshman, sophomore, junior or senior) is determined by
the number of transfer credit hours accepted by UNC Pembroke. A minimum of 25 percent of
semester hours applied toward a bachelor’s degree must be earned through regular enrollment
in UNC Pembroke courses and students must satisfy all UNC Pembroke degree requirements for
their chosen major.

Rationale: In order to remain a viable option for prospective transfer students, UNCP must
embrace a more flexible approach to our methods of evaluating transfer credit. A number of our
sister institutions have moved away from imposed limits of 60-64 hours of awarded credit from
community colleges. Instead, they require that transfer students meet the SACs requirement of 25
percent of course work completed in residence and fulfillment of all major requirements. This
would also be in keeping with our approach toward native students. They are not limited in
regards to the number of lower level courses or credits they may complete. The specific reference
to 30 residency hours should be changed to 25 percent because in some cases 30 hours would not
represent the SACs required 25 percent (ex: Education programs mandating 128 hours for
graduation would require 32 hours in residence).

Proposal continues on next page
On page 56 of the 2012-13 UNCP Academic Catalog, under the “Requirements for Baccalaureate Graduation” section, CHANGE

From

7. Complete a minimum of 9 semester hours above the General Education Program level in the major field of study at UNC Pembroke if the student transferred here;
8. Be registered during the academic year in which the student’s graduation occurs;

To

7. Complete a minimum of 9 semester hours above the General Education Program level in the major field of study at UNC Pembroke:
8. Be registered at UNC Pembroke during the academic year in which the student’s graduation occurs;

Rationale: This serves to add clarity.

On page 56 of the 2012-13 UNCP Academic Catalog, under the “Requirements for Baccalaureate Graduation” section, DELETE

9. Complete the last 25 percent of course work in residence at UNC Pembroke. An internship or study abroad program approved by the Dean and the Department Chair may be substituted unless it reduces the number of semester hours in residence at UNC Pembroke to fewer than 30;

On page 57 of the 2012-13 UNCP Academic Catalog, under the “Permission to Take a Course as a Visitor at another University” section, DELETE

7. After attaining junior standing (60 hours), no student may take or transfer courses from any two-year college.
8. After completing 75% of course work, no student may take or transfer courses from any other academic institution.

Rationale: These changes would support our growing online programs, newly emerging dual enrollment/reverse transfer agreements, and increased focus on serving the military community. These regulations penalize students who may otherwise have met our 25 percent residency requirement and fulfilled their major requirements. At the system level, work is in progress to develop dual enrollment agreements between the UNC system and the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS). At UNC Pembroke, we are staying ahead of the curve by proactively establishing our first dual enrollment/reverse transfer agreement with a partner community college. We plan to expand these types of agreements to other NCCCS schools. The sentiments behind the statements we recommend be deleted are in direct conflict with dual
enrollment agreements and are also roadblocks to degree completion for the transient military population we serve.