Academic Priorities Council
Minutes: October 18, 2012


2. The questions concerning the Master in Business Administration (MBA) with a Focus in Entrepreneurship /Master in Business Administration (MBA) with a Focus in Marketing raised at the October 4, 2012 meeting having been answered in an email from Alan Robinson, the Council voted unanimously to endorse approval of the Master in Business Administration (MBA) with a Focus in Entrepreneurship /Master in Business Administration (MBA) with a Focus in Marketing.

3. The Council considered the proposal for an Accelerated MS in Food Science. The Council provisionally endorsed the proposal unanimously provided that it could be ascertained that the proposal is consistent with the proviso in Sen. Doc. 10-043 that states that "An accelerated Master’s option requires minimum total credits, taken across both programs, equal to 30 plus the minimum baccalaureate credit requirement. The typical undergraduate degree requires 120 credits, so the credit minimum for the accelerated option would be 150 unless a higher undergraduate requirement applies." The proposal asserts that "We propose that 9 credits of graduate work taken as part of the B.S. degree count towards the requirements of both the B.S. and M.S. degrees." It is conceivable that a student might misinterpret this to read that the 9 credits can count both toward the 120 and toward the 30. We request that the final draft of the proposal be changed in order to clear up this ambiguity.

R. Bogartz has sent an email to Professor Eric Decker containing the above paragraph.


5. The Council discussed a proposal for a Management Certificate in Sustainable Business Practice. Reservations were expressed concerning the course offerings. PlSoil 397M is no longer given. All three required courses are not permanent courses. The Council would like to see evidence that the courses suggested will be taught and available to the students.

In light of the fact that the proposal has been sent to the Academic Matters Council and that council has returned it to the proposers for additional work, the APC decided to wait until a version approved by the AMC is available.

-R. S. Bogartz