SPECIAL REPORT

OF THE

ACADEMIC MATTERS and UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION COUNCILS

concerning

REVISIONS TO THE POLICY GOVERNING UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS
(#8878)

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ACADEMIC MATTERS COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION
The Academic Matters Council recommends approval of this proposal

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UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION
The Undergraduate Education Council recommends approval of this proposal.
This proposal modifies the definition of a certificate, which was specified in Senate Doc. 09-018A. Specifically, this proposal seeks to allow for the inclusion of independent study, internship, practicum, or honors thesis credits.

Section I.D of Senate Doc. 09-018A specifies the following definition for certificates:

“A certificate proposal must have a minimum number of 15 credit hours and a minimum number of four courses. Credits completed by the student must be residence credits unless substituted by the department or sponsoring Certificate program. The Certificate may include a maximum of 6 credit hours of experimental courses, special topics or seminars. Independent study, internships, practicums, or honors thesis credit hours may not be included as part of the minimum 15 credit hours required.”

This proposal revises this language as follows:

“A certificate proposal must have a minimum number of 15 credit hours and a minimum number of four courses. Credits completed by the student must be residence credits unless substituted by the department or sponsoring Certificate program. The Certificate may include a maximum of 6 credit hours of experimental courses, special topics or seminars. A minimum of 12 credits in a certificate program shall consist of courses not classified as independent study, internship, practicum, or honors thesis credit.”

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Memorandum from Undergraduate Education Council to Academic Matters Policy Subcommittee and Secretary of the Faculty Senate

MOTION: That the Faculty Senate approve the Revisions to the Policy Governing 13-23 Undergraduate Certificate Programs, as presented in Sen Doc. No. 23-026.