

**MINUTES**  
**EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**MARCH 3, 1998**

Members Present: William Barstow, Nancy Canolty, Carole Henry, Loch Johnson, William Kisaalita, Paul Kurtz, and William Paul.

Guests Present: James Fletcher - OVPAA, Bill Marshall, Gary Moore, and Bruce Shutt - Registrar's Office.

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Dr. Carole Henry, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to revisit the proposed two-semester limitation on students not yet accepted into a major after completion of Areas A-F.

Dr. James Fletcher from the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs was introduced and the floor was open for questioning. Dr. Fletcher provided clarification in the attached memorandum dated March 2, 1998 for the Committee.

Questions posed to Dr. Fletcher were as follows:

- ▶ Who decides when a major is restricted?

The restriction is initiated by the department; it is then routed through faculty advisory boards; final approval comes from the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

- ▶ Who decides who is admitted to a restricted major?

The faculty of that program. Before a major is restricted, it must appear in an official publication before the policy is applied.

- ▶ With continued growth pressure, will the University have more restricted majors?

It is highly probable.

- ▶ Why is such a policy required now?

With the structure of the new core curriculum, completion of Core Areas A-F is planned by the end of the student's sophomore year. At the present time, the core curriculum belongs to each school or college; under the semester system, it belongs to the entire University (changes routed through University Council).

- ▶ When is the scheduled implementation date for this policy if approved by University Council?

Fall 1998.

- ▶ Under the proposed policy, are transfer students required to have the core curriculum completed before being admitted?

The University has the authority to restrict transfer students to accepted majors. Students will be given the same consideration if the core is completed under the quarter system as long as it is equivalent to semester hours.

- ▶ If a student has not been admitted into a major within two semesters after completing Area F and changes to a different major, is there any time limit to the amount of applications that student can make to the original preferred major?

No.

Dr. Fletcher then summarized that the basis for this policy is to protect those students in the Major-Not-Yet-Admitted category to assure those students continued advisement for two semesters. Advisement would be continued by the department/advisor previously responsible for advising and clearing the student for registration.

After further discussion, the Committee felt consideration should be given to those opposing this policy at another meeting to be scheduled the week of April 6.

No further business appearing, the Committee adjourned at 4:10 p.m.