Educational Advisory Council Recommendation

Subject:
Revised Policy – APS Handbook – G303 – Granting Degrees and Certificates

Relevant EAC Standing committee:

☐ Academic Policies & Standards Committee (APS)  ☐ Curriculum Committee (CC)
☒ Degrees and Certificates Committee (DAC)  ☐ Membership Committee (MC)
☐ Student Development Committee (SDC)

Brief summary of recommendation: On 5/24/2016, The EAC Voted to Recommend Approval

The Registrar requested that DAC consider a revision to allow ALL upper division credits to transfer to a student’s record/transcript.

The current policy only allows for 16 credits and this is creating inadvertent inequities.

This is especially true when an upper-division credit course may not transfer for one student; while a similar course taught at the lower division level would be allowed to transfer in for another student. The Registrar’s Office had examples of this: 1) a 300 level basic photography course from UofO and a 200 level basic photography course from Mt. Hood CC, PCC takes the one from Mt. Hood CC, but may not take the UoFO course, if it puts a student beyond the 16 credit limit.

More often, students who have met the 16 credit limit for upper division courses are not allowed to transfer courses that may establish a prerequisite course or that would actually be a benefit to a student that is changing careers/course of study (again, examples were given and usually included science courses, such as A&P that might be a 300-level series at a 4-year institution and simply would not transfer in due to the 16 credit limit, but clearly should be allowed and would cause a student burden of both time and money and a barrier to completion.

Signatures below represent the support and/or approval of this recommendation; the signature of a committee chair represents the support of the respective committee.

[Signatures and dates]
Portland Community College

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PCC may accept up to 16 credits of 300- and/or 400-level transfer coursework, provided it is equivalent to courses offered at PCC. U p p e r - d i s c i p l i n e transfer coursework is evaluated at the request of the student or by Graduation staff if needed to satisfy graduation requirements. Only subject areas taught at PCC will be evaluated. An edition of the catalog is valid for six academic years. However, some programs may impose shorter time limits on accepting credits for degree or certificate requirements. For Certificate Requirements, see Handbook section C100.

For Associate's Degree Requirements

See Handbook Sections: A102, A103, A104, A105, A106, and A113

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