TO: Larry Williams, Chair
Undergraduate Council

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Academic Policies and Procedures Subcommittee

DATE: April 13th, 2009

SUBJECT Subcommittee Report April 22nd, 2009

The committee met on April 1st and 8th. Members participating in the discussions (including other email communication): Amanda Baumle, William Munson, Charles Peters, Kevin Simon, Rebecca Achée Thornton, Dana Wierzbicki and Simon Bott. Ursula Scheren was present on the 8th as a guest.

The following documents and other issues were discussed:

UC 10265 09S – Request for Implementation of USD Task Force Recommendations

This document is the formal recommendation associated with incrementally reducing the number of hours allowed before a student must declare a major. In order to provide more support to undeclared students, the proposal also requires such students to take a revised CORE 1101 course (also described in the document).

The committee unanimously recommended approval.

UC 10267 09S – Credit for Chemistry Labs

A formalization and catalog publication of the method by which incoming students (and Honors students) can get credit for Freshman Chemistry labs (departmental approval only). The committee unanimously recommended approval.

UC 10272 09S: Undergraduate Drop Policy

This document is essentially a clarification of the catalog language associated with students dropping classes and the “6-W” rule. The only material change to existing (although often written in a confusing fashion) regulations is that the requirement for a faculty signature on a student-initiated drop is removed.

The committee unanimously recommended approval, with great jubilation concerning the signature-requirement removal!