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SUBJECT: UC 12246 13S: Proposal to require UScholars transfer students with 15 or fewer credit hours to enroll in CORE 1101

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The Academic Policies and Procedures Subcommittee met on Wednesday, January 30th to consider a proposal to change the requirements for UScholars transfer students with 15 or fewer credit hours. Participating in the meeting and subsequent email discussions were subcommittee members Christina Gola, Shishir Shah, Lesley Sisk, Stephen Soutullo, and Larry Williams.

Background

UScholars seeks to require all admitted UScholars transfer students who are transferring 15 or fewer credit hours to enroll in CORE 1101 in their first semester at UH. This policy change is consistent with the current policy that requires FTIC students transferring into UScholars in the spring of their first year with 15 or fewer credits to enroll in CORE 1101.

Catalog Changes (in Bold Below) to the Undergraduate Scholars Policy page:

While at UScholars transfer students **with more than 15 transferred hours** are required to seek vocational and career counseling to identify appropriate fields of interest, meet with their designated advisors at Undergraduate Scholars at UH to discuss potential majors, and consult with college and departmental advisors concerning major requirements. **Students transferring 15 or fewer credits are required to take CORE 1101, college success seminar, which provides materials and information that will help them identify a major.** During this period these students will establish a University of Houston grade point average that will allow them to declare a major field of study.

Discussion

The subcommittee did not have any major concerns about this new requirement. Those transfer students with 15 or fewer hours are freshman who will likely benefit from the same requirements as FTICs and it makes sense to treat them similarly.

Recommendation

The Academic Policy and Procedures subcommittee recommends approval of UC 12246 13S for implementation in Fall 2013

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