California State University, Stanislaus

University Educational Policies Committee 15/AS/06/UEPC – Mandatory Advising Within the Major

RESOLVED: That the CSU Stanislaus Academic Senate recommend that a third paragraph, reading as follows, be added to the 'First-Year Programs and Advising' section of the University Catalog*:

That undergraduate students receive mandatory, personal advising from their major/concentration/program(s) advisor at a point determined by their major department/concentration/program(s) which lies between the completion of 75 and 90 units. This point is indicated in the catalog description of each department/concentration/program.

RESOLVED: That each department/concentration/program indicate in its particular section of the catalog the point at which it requires mandatory advising.

RESOLVED: That the Faculty Handbook be amended as appropriate to reflect the above changes.

RESOLVED: That the above changes be effective beginning in the academic year following final approval of this resolution.

RATIONALE: The University Educational Policies Committee has been discussing Facilitating Graduation at CSU Stanislaus. It was found that students may not be receiving effective advising when approaching degree completion. The UEPC agreed that mandatory, personal advising by a major advisor when the student has completed between 75 and 90 units is in the best interest of the student and will assure timely degree completion and decrease unnecessary costs to students. Electronic degree audit technology will be available fall 2007 that will provide automatic generation of degree information. This technology will allow timely and efficient access to degree completion by both faculty and students.

*Note: The 'First-Year Programs and Advising' section appears on page 66 of the 2006-2007 University Catalog.

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