



OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

To: Members of University Council
From: Sunny Zank, Chair
Re: Agenda for Meeting of October 6, 2009

The regular meeting of University Council will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in Dicke Hall Forum.

AGENDA

- I. Minutes of September 22, 2009 meetings.
- II. Reports from Constitutional Committees

	<u>Liaison</u>	<u>Chair</u>
a. Budget & Appropriations	Beaschler	Beaschler
b. Academic Affairs	Laird	Laird
c. Student Activities	Roecker	Roecker
d. Personnel	Allison	Theisen
- III. Reports from Operational Committees

a. Athletics	Crago	Simmons
b. Information Technology	Hurtig	Gulbis
c. Cultural & Special Events	Allison	Bell
d. International Affairs	Hurtig	Hurtig
e. Religion Affairs	LaSala	LaSala
f. General Education	Hurtig	Hurtig
- IV. Report from Planning Council – Dr. Baker
- V. Other Reports

a. Vice-Presidents; Deans		
b. Student Senate	Hamper	Hamper
c. Health Services Advisory Committee		Ruble
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Questions for the President
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- IX. New Business
 - a. Academic Affairs Committee – Clarification of terms for use in semester conversion. (Attachment A)
- X. Adjournment



TO: Dr. Sunny Zank, Chair – University Council
FROM: Pr. Laurie Laird, Chair – Academic Affairs Committee
SUBJECT: Clarification of terms for use in semester conversion
DATE: September 30, 2009

The Academic Affairs Committee was requested by the College of Arts & Sciences (through the VPAA Office) to review several items that came up as their departments prepared for the semester conversion. We were requested to clearly define several terms and to offer a recommendation on number of hours for each.

The committee has met several times and recommends that the following rules be adopted by University Council for use in the colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business Administration, Engineering and Pharmacy.

1. The term “cognate” (and all synonyms) shall be purged from the catalog.
2. The term “track” shall be purged from the catalog.
3. A “major” shall comprise a minimum of 36 hours of coursework.
 - a. Any course that is a prerequisite for a major course must be listed as part of the major.
 - b. All courses required for a major shall count toward the major GPA and major hours and must receive a grade of “C” or better for credit toward the major.
4. A “minor” shall comprise a minimum of 18 hours of coursework within a specified discipline outside of the student’s major or majors.
5. An “option” shall comprise a minimum of 18 hours of coursework and shall consist of courses that a department or college shall choose that:
 - a. Are external to the student’s major and
 - b. Enhances the student’s major.
6. A specialization within a major shall be termed a “concentration.” A concentration shall comprise a minimum of 18 hours of coursework within the major.”

Rationale:

Adoption of these rules will allow for uniform terminology between the colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business Administration, Engineering and Pharmacy and provide guidance to departments and colleges as they develop programs within their disciplines.