



OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

To: Members of University Council
From: Sunny Zank, Chair
Re: Agenda for Meeting of October 20, 2009

The regular meeting of University Council will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in Dicke Hall Forum.

AGENDA

- I. Minutes of October 6, 2009 meetings.
II. Reports from Constitutional Committees
a. Budget & Appropriations
b. Academic Affairs
c. Student Activities
d. Personnel
III. Reports from Operational Committees
a. Athletics
b. Information Technology
c. Cultural & Special Events
d. International Affairs
e. Religion Affairs
f. General Education
IV. Report from Planning Council - Dr. Baker
V. Other Reports
a. Vice-Presidents; Deans
b. Student Senate
c. Health Services Advisory Committee
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: October 16, 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. Our recommendations were presented at the October 6 University Council meeting and based upon discussion there, we have revised them.

The committee recommends that the following rules be adopted by University Council for use with the coursework 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. The minimum grade requirements for courses satisfying a major, minor, or option shall be determined by the college offering the major, minor or option.
4. A “major” shall comprise a minimum of 30 hours of coursework.
 - a. All courses required for a major that are in the major subject area shall be termed “Major Courses” and count toward the major GPA and major hours.
 - b. All prerequisite and corequisite courses required for a major that are outside of the major subject area, if any, shall be termed “Other Required Courses” and listed in the catalog adjacent to “Major Courses.”
5. A “minor” shall comprise a minimum of 18 hours of coursework within a specified discipline outside of the student’s major or majors.
6. 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.
7. 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.