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To: Concepcion Godev, Chair, Graduate Council
 From: Katherine Hall-Hertel, Associate Dean, Graduate School
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 RE: Proposed Changed to Dual Degree policy

In an effort to clarify the current policy on dual degrees, the Graduate School staff examined policy guidance from the UNC System office and SACSCOC. Specifically, we considered the following from The UNC Code and Policy Manual:

400.1.1[R] Regulation for Academic Program Planning and Evaluation
 Dual Degree Programs

A Dual Degree program involves two academic units, either at the same institution or at different institutions, including non-UNC institutions, in a formal agreement to offer two degrees as part of a program of study that will result in a student being awarded both degrees (two diplomas). **While such programs offer the advantage that some course work may count for each degree, the requirements for each of the two degrees in a Dual Degree program must be substantially equivalent to the requirements for a student taking only one of the degrees.**

We then looked at several **Benchmark Institutions** and revised our policy to meet the UNC System policy guidelines based on the amount of credit to be **shared** rather than the unique credit hour requirement for each program. (See below - specifically Appalachian State)

| Institution | Policy | Additional notes |
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| UNC | Depends on the program - varies from 3 unique credit hours (Art History) up to 51 (MBA) | |
| NC State | 18 unique credit hours needed for each degree | |
| East Carolina | Varies in formal dual degree programs. In individualized dual degrees, no more than 49% of credit hours can be applied to both programs. | |
| Clemson | One-sixth of graded coursework can be applied to both programs. | |
| Appalachian State | The paired plan of study must meet all requirements for both degree programs, including admission to candidacy, proficiency, comprehensive exam, or other requirements. All courses being shared for credit | |

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| must be clearly defined in the paired POS. No more than 50% of the courses, based on the program with the least required credit hours, may be shared on the dual degree POS. |
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This change will require some modifications in several of our dual degrees:

Architecture, M. Arch. and Urban Design MUDD

Architecture, M. Arch. and Information Technology, M.S.

Architecture, M. S, and Information Technology, M.S.

Health Administration, MHA and Health Informatics and Analytics, M.S.

Public Health, MPH and Health Informatics and Analytics, M.S.

Public Health, MPH and Anthropology, M.A.

Business Administration, MBA and Health Administration, MHA

Business Administration, MBA and Real Estate, M.S.

New proposal- not yet reviewed in Curriculog:

Math Finance, M.S. and Business Administration, MBA

I will be happy to answer questions about this proposed change at the next Graduate Council meeting.