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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

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APC Recommendation Regarding 4-Credit Hour Course Model

The 2014-2015 Academic Policy Committee Statement on the 4-Credit Hour Model

APC will neither mandate nor automatically approve a 4 credit hour model for departments, but rather allow departments to decide on their course credit hours based on the specific needs of their curriculum and university requirements. Each curriculum proposal will be evaluated considering programmatic resources and student learning implications that have always been a part of APC curricular considerations.

Rationale : The 2014-2015 Academic Policy Committee maintains that course credit hour adoptions are the purview of the departments and programs. APC further recognizes that as long as the university is held accountable to faculty workload expectations for counting course loads, departments must carefully consider these when designing the curriculum and assigning faculty course schedules.

Impact: Departments proposing curricular revisions will be asked by APC to consider the implications of such revisions for the students, faculty, resources, major credit hours, and how these revisions are viewed by faculty workload expectations. APC will also take into account pedagogy in course design and delivery.