APPENDIX B

February 28, 2011

Leslie Burns, Faculty Senate President

The following are comments and suggestions from AAC members regarding changes to Academic Regulation 20 and the Degrees with Distinction policy:

RE: AR 20

College of Science professional advisors would like to see the repeat policy with reference to S/U grades also mentioned in AR 18. “A course may not be repeated on an S/U basis if it was taken previously on a normal grade basis.”

A student could read all of AR 18 and not know that they can’t S/U a course that they are repeating.

RE: Degrees with Distinction (clarification needed)

Is the 90 or more credits dependent upon student level code? Here is an actual real-life situation:

OSU undergraduate student, with 90+ OSU credits at 3.5+ GPA graduates with Distinction. Then comes back as a post-bac for a second degree and completes say 60 OSU credits with a 3.5+ GPA. Would they qualify for a Degree with Distinction as they would have more than 90 credits if you combine their level 01 and level 03 credits, but would not if only level 03 credits (which are used in the second degree) are counted? My interpretation of the policy is that this student would receive a degree with distinction on their second post-bac degree.

Whereas, a post-bacc who did their undergraduate work at another institution, completes 60 OSU credits with a 3.5+ in their PB degree would not. Yet, the two students completed the same degree program with the same level of academic achievement but will not be recognized in the same manner.

Sincerely,

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