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The Academic Policies and Procedures Committee met on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 to discuss a proposal from the SACS Affirmation Academic Policy Committee. Committee present: Charles Peters, Maria Solino, Lane Gauthier, Simon Bott, and Rebecca Achée Thornton.

SACS policy states that institutions must award degrees only to students who have earned at least 25 percent of the credit hours required for the degree.

Current catalog language reads (page 73 in the UH Catalog):

10. Students must complete at least 30 semester hours in residence.
 - a) These residence hours are not to include credit by examination, special problems, or individual research courses taken at the University of Houston.
 - b) A minimum of nine semester hours of advanced work in the major field must be completed in residence.

While most colleges already satisfy this requirement, there are some UH degrees that require more than 120 semester hours. Thus, the SACS Affirmation committee recommends the following change (in bold):

10. Students must complete at least 25 percent of the semester hours required for a degree in residence or if 25 percent includes a fraction of a semester hour, the requirement must be rounded up to the nearest whole number of a semester hours.

- a) These residence hours are not to include credit by examination, special problems, or individual research courses taken at the University of Houston.
- b) A minimum of nine semester hours of advanced work in the major field must be completed in residence.

The committee recommends approval of this proposed change.