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While working on updating the undergraduate catalog, I have been meeting with a group of academic advisors to clarify certain issues. Attached, please see the five issues that the advisors can use some guidance.

Frank Kelley, Assistant Dean from the College of Business, and I would be glad to attend any subcommittee meetings or Council meetings to address any concerns. Please simply let us know.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

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### Delete from catalog regarding the exclusion of special problems or research courses as part of residency

#### **Current Catalog Language:**

On pp.72-73, Statement #10, under the heading "General Requirements for a Baccalaureate Degree", it reads, "Students must complete at least 30 semester hours in residence. These residence hours are not to include credit by examination, special problems or individual research courses taken at the University of Houston".

#### **Proposed Catalog Language:**

Delete underlined words from sentence.

#### **Rationale:**

Over the years, advisors have seen special problems courses broaden and be used in more expansive ways. These courses often become culminating experiences for students. The same can be said for many individual research courses (i.e. honors research courses). With UH's QEP being undergraduate research, these special problems or individual research courses may also carry a research component. Therefore, it would be better if special problems and individual research courses taken at the University of Houston were counted as part of the 30 hours in residence.