

# UC 10048 08F

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Academic Policies and Procedures Subcommittee

SUBJECT **Subcommittee Report November 19th, 2008**

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The committee met on November 12<sup>th</sup> and via e-mail. Members participating in the discussions (including other email communication): Amanda Baumle, William Munson, Charles Peters, Kevin Simon, Rebecca Achée Thornton, Dana Wierzbicki and Simon Bott. Marsha Daly and Larry Williams were present as guests.

The following documents and other issues were discussed:

**UC 9770 08F Graduation with Honors - APPROVED 11/15/08**

This document requests clarification about what exactly counts as the minimum of 66 UH hours needed for Graduation with Honors.

The subcommittee feels that Honors implies something special associated with the student AND UH. Thus, the 66 hours should all be classes taught at UH. Accordingly, we suggest the following catalog language:

Undergraduate students who complete their degree requirements will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve the following grade point averages earned in the last sixty-six (66) hours of letter-grade courses completed at the University of Houston.

(at least 60 of which must be

**UC 9773 08F Class scheduling (time bands) - DISAPPROVAL 12/10/08**

Even though gas prices are no longer such an issue, the subject of changing all time bands to 90 minutes, rather than the 60 minutes available for MWF mornings is still one to discuss.

The subcommittee voted to suggest disapproval of this idea. While there are benefits, some opposition was noted from both faculty and students. A poll of 916 students Freshman chemistry classes resulted in approximately 45% opposed to removing the hour option for some classes. In addition, several faculty of large NSM classes noted that student concentration was hard enough to maintain for 50 minutes, let alone 80!

**UC 9980 08F Mandatory Advising for Transfer Students - APPROVED 11/19/08**

Recommend approval with the statement that "It's about time!!!"