

UC 10274 09S

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TO: Larry Williams, Chair
Undergraduate Council

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Academic Policies and Procedures Subcommittee

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SUBJECT Subcommittee Report April 22nd, 2009

The committee met on April 1st and 8th. 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. Ursula Scheren was present on the 8th as a guest.

The following documents and other issues were discussed:

UC 10265 09S – Request for Implementation of USD Task Force Recommendations

This document is the formal recommendation associated with incrementally reducing the number of hours allowed before a student must declare a major. In order to provide more support to undeclared students, the proposal also requires such students to take a revised CORE 1101 course (also described in the document)

The committee unanimously recommended **approval**.

UC 10267 09S – Credit for Chemistry Labs

A formalization and catalog publication of the method by which incoming students (and Honors students) can get credit for Freshman Chemistry labs (departmental approval only). The committee unanimously recommended **approval**.

UC 10272 09S: Undergraduate Drop Policy

This document is essentially a clarification of the catalog language associated with students dropping classes and the “6-W” rule. The only material change to existing (although often written in a confusing fashion) regulations is that the requirement for a faculty signature on a student-initiated drop is removed.

The committee unanimously recommended **approval**, with great jubilation concerning the signature-requirement removal!