Time to Graduation Strategies

Short Term: Completed within two years (2011-2013)

- Before the end of the Spring 2011 semester the SEC will charge the ISP Council with revising the ISP curriculum so that the total credits required for completion is reduced by four and equals 40. This proposal should go before the SCC by November 1st for approval by the full Senate in the fall of 2011 (by December 2011).
- Total credits towards graduation would equal 120 for a BA and BS **OR** majors would be comprised of no more than 52 credits (by Spring 2013)
- All majors would be required to have plan where major requirements would take no longer than three years (by Spring 2013)
- The SEC will develop a waiver process during the fall 2011 semester for Accredited Programs where accreditation would be at risk if the number of credits were decreased. The process will require programs to clearly and transparently communicate accreditation needs. Accredited programs will complete the waiver process by May 2012. These waivers will be revisited during each AOC review and each time decreases in overall credits will be considered (by May 2012)
- The AOC Program Review Guidelines will be revised particularly in the curriculum area. Changes to be considered include data gathering and commentary on program time to graduation, retention rates, accreditation needs, use of electives, metrics for credit requirements, and documentation regarding achieving 40 upper level credits (by Spring 2012)
- The SEC will charge a task force to review the following related issues and develop policy where appropriate (charge committee fall 2011, committee should report back in Spring 2012)
  - ✓ Gateways/Admissions/Exit Requirements
  - ✓ Timing of declaration of major
  - ✓ Enforcement of registration requirements to declare a major by 60 credits
  - ✓ Gateway/required course availability
  - ✓ Course scheduling
  - ✓ Grade requirements for gateway courses
  - ✓ Competency based courses versus course sequences
  - ✓ Course prerequisites
  - ✓ Dual Degree requirements
  - ✓ Academic Advising requirements
  - ✓ Commencement participation requirements
  - ✓ Dual application of classes for ISP and Major requirements
  - ✓ Professional Studies Courses and their relation to the ISP
- College will develop communications regarding the time-to-graduation implications of dual major degrees
- There are no program elimination procedures within the Senate bylaws or the SCC guidelines. The Senate will develop a procedure for the elimination of programs by spring of 2012.

Mid-Term: Completed within three to five years (2013-2015) Focus on Liberal Arts and Electives

- Departments with non-accredited high credit majors (64 credits and above) need to create a degree program that can be completed within four years, not totaling more than 120 credits and with a minimum of 16 credits of electives.

Long-Term: Completed within 12 years (2013-2023)

- All programs will utilize the revised AOC guidelines with greater focus on data and metrics to determine the impact of policy and curriculum changes on achievement of program learning outcomes, graduation and retention rates.