

To: Steering Committee, UNCW Faculty Senate
From: Nathaniel Grove, Chair, Academic Standards Committee
Date: October 10, 2013
Re: Motion to Reclassify UNCW Students

Whereas, nearly 70% of UNCW students receive some form of financial aid; and

Whereas, Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 classifies students for financial aid purposes as:

Less than 30 semester hours credit	Freshman
From 30-59 semester hours credit	Sophomore
From 60-89 semester hours credit	Junior
More than 89 semester hours credit	Senior

Whereas, the discrepancies between UNCW's current classification system and the Title IV system can serve as a point of confusion for students and can cause them to be denied the increased funding reserved for upperclassmen;

Resolved, UNCW adopt the current Title IV classification system for students and that the Undergraduate Catalogue be modified as follows:

“Classification of Students

Students are classified as freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Semester hours passed are used to determine these classifications. In order to graduate in eight semesters, a student must average 31 hours each year.

The required number of hours passed for each classification is as follows:

- Less than ~~27~~ 30 semester hours credit - Freshman
- From ~~27-58~~ 30-59 semester hours credit - Sophomore
- From ~~59-88~~ 60-89 semester hours credit - Junior
- More than ~~88~~ 89 semester hours credit - Senior”