COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
Amendment to Regulation 10.4.7
Revision to Requirements for Additional Majors (Double Majors) or Minors

To: Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) proposes an amendment to Regulation (SCR) 10.4.7 to clarify the requirements for students who wish to complete additional majors or minors along with their primary major. At UCSC, each major program must require 40 upper division credits. If a student pursues a double major, they need 40 upper division credits for each major. How this is interpreted at present is illustrated by this example:

With 50 and 60 credits needed to satisfy the major requirements for Major A and Major B, respectively, the student can – if the requirements for both majors are such – choose courses in a way that they end up with 30 overlapping credits. The student can designate 20 of the 30 overlapping credits as counting toward Major A, and 10 of the 30 overlapping credits as counting toward Major B. As long as the student has 40 credits for each major without counting the same course twice, and has satisfied the major requirements for both, the student has completed the double major. Note that in this example, 80 credits are needed to complete both majors.

If two majors require much more than 40 credits, and have a lot of overlap, it may be possible to obtain a second major almost for free. Recognizing this fact, many program statements forbid certain combinations, e.g. a student may not declare a Biology B.A, B.S or minor and any other biological sciences major.

Because of the ambiguity in the wording of SCR 10.4.7, CEP requested an interpretation of the regulation from the Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction and Elections (RJ&E) last year. The interpretation provided by RJ&E differs from the current practice: in order to earn a double major, a student must have 40 credits in each major that are not used to satisfy any of the major requirements in the other major. With the same two majors as shown above, a student could choose courses in the following manner:

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1 For simplicity, the example given here is of a double major, but it is easy to generalize it to a major + minor.
A maximum of 10 credits of overlapping courses is possible, so that in this example, 100 credits are needed to complete both majors, or 20 more credits than in the previous example.

After discussion, CEP believes that the current practice is working well, and there is no need to change it. Forbidding certain combinations of majors ensures that there is some coursework required that is specific to each major, which is reasonable, but not allowing a course that is used to satisfy the major requirements of both majors to fulfill the 40 credit requirement of either major seems unduly restrictive. If we adopt this interpretation of SCR 10.4.7, many double majors would become more difficult to complete as illustrated above, which would be a disincentive to the most academically advanced students to come to UCSC.

The regulation change proposed below ensures that the current practice can continue. Also, the fact that CEP can forbid certain major/minor combinations (apart from approving such restrictions proposed by departments in program statements) is stated explicitly.

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