

## **Elective or Better Course Policy**

### **Background**

At the March 6, 2009 APASC meeting, the Arizona Transfer Articulation Committee presented an E or Better Policy for discussion and a vote. The recommended policy stated:

***“Common Courses must transfer as an elective (E) or better to each institution (university) with a shared major.”***

After some discussion, D. Young suggested that the policy be reworded and that we be more focused on the applicability vs. transferability. B. Fee volunteered to rework the language in the context of the retreat work. This was endorsed by the Arizona Transfer Articulation Committee on April 23, 2009..

### **Recommended Policy Language**

#### **Associate Degree Elective or Better<sup>1</sup> Course Policy**

All courses used to satisfy Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) requirements must be transferrable as elective credit or better to all Arizona public universities.

All courses used to satisfy remaining Associate Degree requirements<sup>2</sup> must be transferrable as elective credit or better to the university and major to which the Associates degree is intended to transfer. However, if the baccalaureate degree is a shared major<sup>3</sup>, offered by more than one university, the courses must transfer as elective credit or better to all the universities offering the shared major.

#### **Definitions:**

<sup>1</sup>Elective or better - Identified in the Course Equivalency Guide (CEG) as Elective (E), Departmental Elective Credit (DEC), or Directly Equivalent.

<sup>2</sup>Remaining Associate Degree Requirements - Courses used to complete Associate Degree requirements beyond the courses of the AGEC such as Common Courses, Electives, Prerequisites, etc. These degrees include the Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Business (ABus), Associate of Science (AS), and Associate of Arts in Elementary Education (AAEE).

<sup>3</sup>Shared Majors - A shared major is a university degree program that has similar academic preparation to one or more degree programs at other Arizona public universities as listed on the Common Course Matrices.

### **Action**

A vote is required for this item:

- Approve as presented
- Approved with modifications
- Not Approved