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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 26, 2020

TO: Dr. Andrew Klein
Speaker, Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. Anne Reber
Chair, Rules and Regulations Committee

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to the Texas A&M Student Rules

Attached please find proposed revisions to the Texas A&M University Student Rules as approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee. These changes are for the following section:

Student Rule 1.9.1.1 and 1.9.1.2

Approved by the Student Rules and Regulations Committee on August 7, 2020.

Approved by Faculty Senate on September 14, 2020

Approved by President on October 1, 2020

PROPOSAL

Please see attached rule for with tracked changes.

JUSTIFICATION

Due to wording of Senate Bill 25 from the 86th Texas Legislative Session, changes are needed to this rule to account for submission of an initial undergraduate degree plan immediately following the term a student reaches 30 cumulative semester credit hours. The updated wording for Student Rule 1.9 we hope will make the requirements clearer for students and advisors across campus.

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Present Rule 1.9 with additions in *red font* and deletions ~~struck~~.

1.9 Undergraduate Degree Plans: All degree-seeking undergraduate students admitted to Texas A&M University in or after ~~Fall~~ 2013 must complete and annually update an undergraduate degree plan:

1.9.1 Initial submission: All degree-seeking undergraduate students must submit their initial degree plan ~~before the deadlines as defined below~~ *the term following the term in which they complete 30 semester credit hours.* Students admitted with 30 or more cumulative semester credit hours must submit their degree plan the semester they are admitted. :-

~~1.9.1.1 For undergraduate students entering Texas A&M University in a spring term, September 30 of the same year.~~

~~1.9.1.2 For undergraduate students entering Texas A&M University in a summer or fall term, September 30 of the following year.~~

1.9.2 Annual review and resubmission: All degree-seeking undergraduate students must review, update, and resubmit their undergraduate degree plan ~~between March 1 and September 30~~ every year until graduation in accordance with deadlines published in the academic calendar.

1.9.3 Undergraduate degree plan approval: All initial and resubmitted degree plans must be approved by one of two processes:

1.9.3.1 Self approval: The undergraduate degree plan as submitted by the student meets 100% of degree requirements.

1.9.3.2 Advisor approval: An academic advisor or designee within the student's home department approves the undergraduate degree plan.

1.9.4 Registration holds: Undergraduate students required to submit an undergraduate degree plan who do not have an approved ~~new-initial~~ or resubmitted undergraduate degree plan on file by ~~September 30~~ the published deadline annually will be held from registering for future semesters.

1.9.5 Graduation requirements: To be a candidate for a degree, a student must complete all academic requirements published in their catalog (see Student Rule 14.5) and meet all applicable requirements and deadlines published in Texas A&M University Student Rules.

1.9.6. Completion of an undergraduate degree plan does not guarantee admission to a specific major or upper division.

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