

RESOLUTION-POLICY

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	For Information Only

From: Dr. Eric Milou, President, Rowan University Senate

To: Dr. Ali Houshmand, Provost

Date: November 26, 2007

RE: Senate Resolution

**Resolution/Policy: Proposal for Accelerated Dual Bachelor's and Master's Degrees**

**Background:**

This policy allows approved university programs currently offering a Bachelor's degree to create an accelerated dual Bachelor's and Master's program. By taking up to 12 semester hours of graduate credit prior to completing the Bachelor's degree, students receive dual credit towards both degrees. Proposals for an accelerated dual degree must be approved by the Curriculum Committee using process C. In addition to any normal curricular requirements, proposals must:

- 1) Stipulate the number of graduate credits that undergraduate students will be allowed to take towards their Master's degrees. A maximum of 12 graduate credits may be counted towards both degrees.
- 2) Stipulate which graduate courses also fulfill undergraduate requirements, since some courses will be double-counted in the accelerated dual degree.
- 3) Demonstrate that double-counting of credits does not compromise the integrity of either degree, including, but not limited to, the Gen Ed course requirements.
- 4) Define entrance requirements that must be met by students applying for the program.
- 5) Designate at what point students may apply for the degree program (for example, as entering freshmen, during sophomore year, when they have 60-90 credits, etc.).
- 6) Propose contingency plans for those students who do not finish the Master's portion of the degree program that will allow them to earn a Bachelor's degree.

Note 1: Students enrolled in the accelerated dual program will pay undergraduate fees for all courses until they have reached the required number of credits for that undergraduate degree, whether the courses are undergraduate or graduate. Beyond this, students will be required to pay graduate credit for graduate courses. Under no circumstances are students allowed to take more than 12 graduate credits at the undergraduate rates.

Note 2: Programs that currently offer a Bachelor's but no Master's must propose and have accepted, via the curricular process, the Master's degree concurrently with the proposal for the accelerated dual degrees.

Acceptance:

I give my approval. I have forwarded this item to \_\_\_\_\_ for implementation.

No approval is actually needed. I have forwarded this item to the following individual or office for informational purposes only:

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ADDITIONAL REVIEW NEEDED:

I am willing to give approval if the following modification(s) are made:

Before I can approve or reject this item, I need clarification on the following:

I have forwarded this item to the following individual or office for further consideration and consultation.

Rejection:

I decline acceptance of this item for the following reason:

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