



RESOLUTION-POLICY

X	Action Item
	For Information Only

From: Dr. Eric Milou, Rowan University Senate President  
To: Dr. Ali Houshmand, Provost  
Date: 5/11/11  
RE: Senate Resolution **110509-1**

**UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE  
SENATE RESOLUTION ON CREDIT AND CONTACT HOURS IN LAB AND STUDIO  
COURSES**

**WHEREAS**, the acting University President/CEO has requested academic departments that teach lab courses to change the credit hours for students in to match the contact hours of faculty teaching those courses;

**WHEREAS**, the differential in credit and contact hours for lab courses is standard practice for undergraduate science programs in American higher education<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, such a change in credit and contact hours will damage the academic integrity of the science departments and other affected programs at Rowan University

**WHEREAS**, such a change would make Rowan students less competitive compared to other state institutions and significantly reduce their ability to succeed in a competitive work force<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the implications of this policy and its use university-wide would endanger the accreditation of other programs (e.g., Art)<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, such a change would reduce enrollment in summer lab courses at Rowan;

**WHEREAS**, such a change could result in a loss of revenue from community college courses transferred to Rowan under the Lampitt Law,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**

That an ad hoc committee be formed to meet with the affected departments and the administration to discuss the curricular implications of this change in academic policy.

<sup>1</sup> An analysis of 16 other New Jersey educational institutions found this to be standard practice. See attached data.

<sup>2</sup> See attached email by Joe Perella, Biological Sciences major.

<sup>3</sup> See attached report from the Art Department regarding NASAD accreditation. See attached data.

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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