Resolution #32
1981-1982

TO: President John E. Van de Wetering
FROM: The Faculty Senate

RE: X I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
    II. Recommendation (Urging the fitness of)
    III. Other (Notice, Report, etc.)

SUBJECT: Proposed Revision for the BA/BS Degree Requirement of a 2.0 in the Major Program

(see attached)

Signed (For the Senate) Ginni L. Studer, President, Faculty Senate

Date Sent 5/26/82

TO: The Faculty Senate
FROM: President John E. Van de Wetering

RE: I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution
   a. Accepted. Effective Date 6/15/82
   b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on
   c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

II., III. a. Received and acknowledged
   b. Comment:

DISTRIBUTION: Vice Presidents: Smith, Douglas, Hanks
Others:
Distribution Date: 4/5/82

Date Received by the Senate: ____________________________

Signed: (President of the College)
PROPOSED REVISION FOR THE BA/BS DEGREE
REQUIREMENT OF A 2.0 IN THE MAJOR PROGRAM

Current Policy:

Completion of an academic major program with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 in all courses taken in the major discipline.

Recommended Change:

Be it Resolved That the policy stated above be changed as follows:

Completion of an academic major program with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 in courses that meet the requirements of the major. The courses identified must not include prerequisites and co-requisite courses.

Rationale:

The current wording of the policy lacks clarity and can be interpreted in three different ways: 1) A minimum of 2.0 in the discipline including courses which are not applicable to the major; 2) A minimum of 2.0 in all courses which might be applicable to the major; or 3) A minimum of 2.0 in courses that meet the requirements of the major, exclusive of prerequisites and co-requisites. The first seems not to be the intent of the policy, and the second is very difficult to implement, especially in interdisciplinary programs. It would require constant communication between majors and the person responsible for the senior checkout. The last is the preferred interpretation which is clarified in the recommended change of policy.