

**Central Connecticut State University**

UNIVERSITY SENATE ACTION

**Senate Motion Number FS 10.11.017B**

TO: President Jack Miller

FROM: President of the University Senate

1. The attached motion of the University Senate, dealing with: **Report from Academic Standards Committee** is presented to you for your consideration.
2. This motion was adopted by the University Senate on **2/14/2011**.
3. After considering this motion, please indicate your action on this form, and return it together with the original copy to the President of the University Senate.

**03/27/11**

Date

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Candace Barrington, President, University Senate

ENDORSEMENT:

TO: President of the University Senate

FROM: President Jack Miller

1. Motion Approved :  \_\_\_\_\_
2. Motion Disapproved: \_\_\_\_\_ (Explanatory statement must be appended).
3. Action "is deferred": \_\_\_\_\_
4. Resolution Noted: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4/4/11  
Date

John Miller  
President Jack Miller

January 3, 2011

Dear Faculty:

It has been brought to the attention of the Academic Standards Committee that minimum grade standards for courses required **in** or **for** undergraduate majors and/or minors are being interpreted inconsistently. According to the current undergraduate catalog, "... a student must maintain a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 and receive grades of C- or better in all courses required for the major and minor." It is not always clear to which courses this standard applies. For example, courses listed as "Related Requirements", "also required in General Education" and "Additional Requirements", etc., are assumed to carry a C- minimum grade requirement by some programs but merely a passing grade by other programs.

To address this problem, the Committee is proposing a set of consistent catalogue terminology to be adopted by all departments. *The Committee would like to stress that this endeavor is intended for clarification and transparency purposes only and is not seeking to alter or impose changes in curriculum\*.*

The Committee proposes the use of the three distinct terms "Requisite Courses", "Required Courses", and "Related Courses". These terms will be defined as follows:

Requisite: those courses typically **in** the major or minor, offered by the department owning the major; minimum grade of C- required

Required: those courses typically **in** the major or minor, but offered by another department; minimum grade of C- required

Related: those courses not typically **in** the major or minor but required **for** the major or minor; no minimum grade required

All majors and minors will have Requisite courses but not necessarily Required Courses or Related Courses. Note that this does not affect majors/minors/programs/degrees which currently maintain higher minimum grade standards.

The following is a hypothetical major and the grouping of its coursework according to the above three categories:

### Dental Hygiene Major

Requisite Courses	Required Courses	Related Courses
DH 100	BMS 100	COMM 115
DH 101	CHEM 100	CS 100
DH 102		
DH 200		
DH 300		
DH 400		