


Central Connecticut State University
UNIVERSITY SENATE ACTION

Senate Motion Number FS 19.20.014B

TO: President Zulma Toro
FROM: President of the University Senate

1. The attached motion of the University Senate, dealing with: **Accelerate Central**, is presented to you for your consideration.
2. This motion was adopted by the University Senate on **02/10/2020**.
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.
4. Under the By-Laws of the University Senate, Section 3.7, the following schedule of action is to be observed.
 - a) By **03/05/2020**, Senate action reported to the President of the University. (Within five school days of the session in which they are adopted).
 - b) By **03/19/2020**, the President of the University to return the motion to the President of the Senate. (Within ten school days of its receipt).

03/05/2020
Date



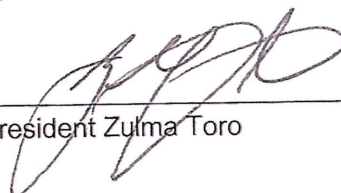
Mark Jackson, President, University Senate

ENDORSEMENT:

TO: President of the University Senate
FROM: President Zulma Toro

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

3/13/2020
Date



President Zulma Toro

Accelerate Central

To encourage highly motivated and well-qualified Central Connecticut State University undergraduates to pursue graduate study at CCSU, the School of Graduate Studies offers *Accelerate Central*: a program that offers students the opportunity to complete both a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in as few as 5 years of full-time study (less if a student takes courses during the winter and summer sessions). The time needed to complete the degree will depend on the size of the degree sought and the particular curricular decisions a student makes within the program of study.

Eligibility: All CCSU students are eligible to apply to *Accelerate Central* after successful completion of 60 or more credit hours, of which at least 30 credit hours must be completed in residence (please note: students enrolled in a dual-admission program with CCSU and an in-state Community College are not subject to the residency requirement).

For acceptance into *Accelerate Central*, undergraduate students must have a GPA of 3.30 or higher (for the most recent 60 credit hours of completed study) and meet program-specific admission criteria. Please consult the undergraduate catalogue to see which programs offer an accelerated degree and the specific admissions requirements. Students must maintain a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.00 to remain in *Accelerate Central*.

Students who are accepted into *Accelerate Central* will officially matriculate into the School of Graduate Studies the semester immediately following conferral of their Bachelor's degree, even if they have already taken graduate-level courses while completing their Bachelor's. Students wishing to defer their graduate studies must notify Graduate Admissions of this decision prior to the start of the term following the conferral of their Bachelor's degree.

Benefits: Students enrolled in *Accelerate Central* dedicate themselves to the pursuit of knowledge and join the graduate school's community of scholars who pride themselves on intellectual and personal integrity, excellence, and leadership. As such, *Accelerate Central* permits students to work towards a graduate degree at an appropriate pace set by the student and his or her advisor(s).

- Students pursuing a Master's degree consisting of 30 to 33 credits may take a maximum of four graduate courses or 12 - 16 credits (i.e., 500-level courses or 400-level courses approved to confer graduate credit) while matriculated as an undergraduate. Of these four courses, up to two (i.e., 6 - 8 credits) may count for credit at both the undergraduate and graduate level.
- Students pursuing a Master's degree that consists of 34 to 49 credits may take a maximum of four graduate courses or 12 - 16 credits (i.e., 500-level courses or 400-level courses approved to confer graduate credit) while matriculated as an undergraduate. Of these four courses, up to three (i.e., 9 - 12 credits) may count for credit at both the undergraduate and graduate level.
- Students pursuing a Master's degree that consists of 50 or more credits may take a maximum of four graduate courses or 12 - 16 credits (i.e., 500-level courses or 400-level courses approved to confer graduate credit) while matriculated as an undergraduate.

Of these four courses, all four (i.e., 12 - 16 credits) may count for credit at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

- Students completing the Honors Program curriculum may take up to five graduate courses or 15-20 credits (i.e., 500-level courses or 400-level courses approved to confer graduate credit) while matriculated as an undergraduate. The double-counting provisions described above will still apply.

To receive approval to participate in Accelerate Central, graduate programs are required to:

1. In consultation with the dean of the relevant academic school and the dean of the School of Graduate Studies, create an academic map indicating the courses taken in which semesters to produce an accelerated timeline to the Master's, and indicating the undergraduate courses substituted by graduate courses.
2. Receive Curriculum Committee and Faculty Senate approval of the curricular substitutions.
3. Create an admissions policy and receive approval from the Graduate Policy Subcommittee and the Graduate Studies Committee.