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Patrick Pease
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Dear Dr. Pease,

Please accept this request to adjust the minimum number of credits for the BS degree at UNI to 120 credits. This change is made possible by the shift in general education from the LAC to UNIFI. The LAC system required 45 credits to complete whereas the UNIFI system requires 37 credits. This represents a drop of 8 credits. Thus, it is possible to reduce the overall number of credits for a BS degree at UNI from the current 126 credits to 120 credits without reducing the number of major courses or otherwise attenuating the number of general education or elective courses. Indeed, there would be two additional credits of elective course work required with 120.

Moreover, a change to 120 credits for the BS will improve UNI's competitiveness and likely serve to increase the number of students who complete the BS degree within 4 years.

Making this change requires editing the Academic Catalog where it describes the BS and in our individual major descriptions to change "126" to "120" semester hours.

Sincerely,



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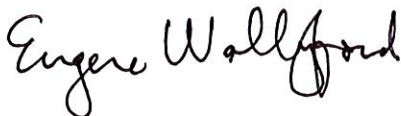
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