


ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

To: Brenda Hosley
President, University Senate &
Chair, University Academic Council

From: Robert E. Page, Jr.
University Provost



Date: May 18, 2015

Re: Senate Motions 2015-65, "Changing the number of minimum ASU hours earned at graduation, to qualify for graduating with academic recognition"

I have reviewed Senate Motion 2015-65, "Changing the number of minimum ASU hours earned at graduation, to qualify for graduating with academic recognition", following review by the Office of the General Counsel.

We continue to strive to improve the quality of education that students receive from our faculty members, and the quality of that education is an essential and distinguishing feature of an ASU degree. The current ASU academic policy requires 56 resident credit hours to graduate with honors from ASU. This current level already allows the possibility that much of a student's coursework can come from transfer of credit from institutions other than ASU, with more than half the credit of the degree coming from elsewhere on some occasions. Reducing that expectation further would deemphasize the importance we continue to place on the quality of the education we deliver to our students from our own faculty.

With that concern in mind, I do not approve of Senate Motion 2015-65.