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Description: Allowing free electives to bridge any gap between a program's requirements and 120 hours

Key Words: Free electives

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I. Committee Approval: Date: 12/3/12

Chairperson: Andrew D. Mack Date 1/11/13

II. Senate Action: Approved Disapproved Returned

Senate President: Wynne Keen Date 1-18-13

III. Provost/Vice President Academic Affairs: Approved Disapproved Returned

Provost/VPAA Signature: [Signature] Date: 2/4/13

IV. President: Approved Disapproved Returned

President: Mary E. Lewis Date: 2/5/13

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APC – 12/13 – 04 Add one sentence to the section entitled “Free Electives” on page 47 of the 2012-2013 catalogue as follows. (the addition is italicized and in bold):

Free Electives

Free electives may be selected by the student from any courses not required in the particular degree program, excluding remedial and non-credit course offerings. ***Free electives may be used to meet hourly requirements for graduation not specified in those sections of the catalogue pertaining to the General Education/Liberal Studies Core or the student’s major or minor.***

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Description and rationale

In the event that the recent change in liberal studies requirements from 53 credit hours to 42 credit hours is approved, many baccalaureate major program descriptions in the catalogue will not supply guidance for the 11 credit hours freed by the change. While the policies in place may implicitly allow a student to meet graduation requirements (such as the 120-hours minimum) with free electives in any case, the language added here will ensure it, and it will give academic units unlimited time to revise their course descriptions to accommodate the new policy.