C&I Discussion re: TEP Policy Updates
Feb. 10, 2012

Topic 1: Program Coursework – Age of coursework for majors, minors, or options
In Fall 2006, the C&I tenure/tenure-track faculty voted in favor of the following TEP Policy:
- **Education credits (200 level or above) earned ten (10) or more years ago will not be accepted into an Education Program. Students will have the right to petition the Department for a variance.**

The Board of Regents policy on Outdated Coursework [http://leto.msu.montana.edu/Transfer/OutdatedCoursework.asp](http://leto.msu.montana.edu/Transfer/OutdatedCoursework.asp):
Montana Board of Regents Policy 301.5.2 governing outdated coursework provides guarantees and guidelines not only for transfer students who are new to the Montana University System, but also to students who were part of the System when the policy was adopted on March 18, 2005.

This policy establishes **guarantees** to assure students that their previous coursework will at least be considered, and will not be automatically disqualified because of its age, within certain limits. College-level courses will be reviewed for possible use as follows:

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The guarantee only promises that courses falling into the relevant time periods will be analyzed and reviewed for possible use in a student’s degree program. **It does not guarantee that the courses will be automatically accepted.**

**Campus Discretion**
Under the terms of the Outdated Coursework policy, the campuses in the Montana University System have the right to accept classes that fall outside the guarantee periods. Campuses may decide that some classes older than the guarantee periods are still relevant and acceptable as elective credits, or that they satisfy the institution’s general education program, or that the class still works as major, minor, option or certificate credits. These decisions are up to the campuses, however, and they fall within the discretionary powers of the campus. Because they are discretionary, if the campus decides not to accept classes because they are older than the guarantee periods, students cannot challenge the campus decision.

**Proposed policy is as follows:**
- **Courses to be used for a major, minor, or option in the TEP must have been completed within the last 7 years to be included on a program of study. In accordance with the Board of Regents’ policy 301.5.2, courses for general education and elective credits will be considered if they were completed in the last 15 years.**

Topic 2: Program Coursework – Number of course repeats permitted
In Fall 2006, the C&I tenure/tenure-track faculty voted in favor of the following TEP Policy:
- **All required Education courses may not be repeated more than once.**

**Proposed policy is as follows:**
- **Courses in the major, minor, or option in which a student receives a grade below a “C” may not be retaken more than twice.**