RowanO RESOLUTION-POLICY University

X Action Item
For Information Only

From: Dr. Eric Milou, Rowan University Senate President

To: Dr. Ali Houshmand, Provost

Date: 5/11/11

RE: Senate Resolution 110509-1

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE SENATE RESOLUTION ON CREDIT AND CONTACT HOURS IN LAB AND STUDIO COURSES

WHEREAS, the acting University President/CEO has requested academic departments that teach lab courses to change the credit hours for students in to match the contact hours offaculty teaching those courses;

WHEREAS, the differential in credit and contact hours for lab courses is standard practice for undergraduate science programs in American higher educationI

WHEREAS, such a change in credit and contact hours will damage the academic integrity ofthe science departments and other affected programs at Rowan University

WHEREAS, such a change would make Rowan students less competitive compared to other state institutions and significantly reduce their ability to succeed in a competitive work force2

WHEREAS, the implications ofthis policr and its use university-wide would endanger the accreditation of other programs (e.g., Art)

WHEREAS, such a change would reduce enrollment in summer lab courses at Rowan;

WHEREAS, such a change could result in a loss ofrevenue from community college courses transferred to Rowan under the Lampitt Law,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,
That an ad hoc committee be formed to meet with the affected departments and the administration to discuss the curricular implications ofthis change in academic policy.

1 An analysis of 16 other New Jersey educational institutions found this to be standard practice. See attached data. 2 See attached email by Joe Perella, Biological Sciences major.
3 See attached report from the Art Department regarding NASAD accreditation. See attached data.

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_ _ I am willing to give approval ifthe following modification(s) are made:

_ _ Before I can approve or reject this item, I need clarification on the following:

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