

**Resolution on minimum required graduation hours for undergraduates:**

**EPSA Committee of Faculty Senate**

**February 20, 2012**

**PASSED**

**Whereas:** Students are required under quarters to earn a minimum of 192 quarter hours of credit for graduation with a bachelor's degree and 96 hours for an associate's degree;

**And Whereas:** Under semesters, students will be required to earn a minimum of 120 semester hours of credit for a baccalaureate degree and 60 semester hours for the associate degree, which equate to 180 and 90 quarter hours respectively before the beginning of the Fall 12 Semester;

**And Whereas:** There may be students who have met all graduation requirements for their major programs and will have fewer than 192 quarter hours of total credit and at least 180 quarter hours (and for those working toward associate degrees, fewer than 96 and at least 90 total quarter hours);

**And Whereas:** Those students will be forced to wait until December, 2012, for the conferral of their degrees even though they have met all the degree requirements, including total hours required for graduation under semesters;

**And Whereas:** a financial burden will be imposed on those students because typically student loans require commencement of payback six months after no longer taking classes, and a potential harm may accrue to these students because many employers and graduate schools require completion of baccalaureate degrees by the end of summer;

**And Whereas:** The closest conferral date to the transition of Ohio University from quarters to semester is the end of summer quarter 2012.

**Therefore Be It Resolved:** That students who have completed all degree requirements by the end of spring quarter, 2012, be allowed to petition with their application for graduation for an exception to the University graduation requirement for Summer Quarter 2011-12 that would permit waiving up to 12 quarter hours for a baccalaureate degree and 6 quarter hours for an associate's degree.