A 2011 federal regulation regarding the definition of a credit (Section 600.2 and 600.24) requires that we have Catalog language consistent with the federal regulation (34 CFR 668.8[k]) and ([]). In addition, this is a regulation that will be included in the review of the University at the time of the next scheduled Northwest Accreditation of Colleges and Universities visit. We request UCC consideration of and action on this proposed change to the Catalog.

D-1. Unit of Credit Defined. A credit hour, is an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that is an institutionally established equivalency that reasonably approximates not less than:

1. One hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or
2. At least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (1) of this definition for other academic activities, including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, short courses, workshops and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.

One unit of credit represents what a typical student might be expected to learn in one week of full-time study (40-45 hours including class time and preparation). Each course is evaluated by a system of credits related to time spent in class, lab, study-preparation, or field investigation. A semester credit is expected to require a total of three hours of scholarly activity each week. Ordinarily one 50-minute hour of class attendance is scheduled for each credit, but any combination of class attendance, lab, study-preparation, or field investigation may be arranged. Credit for workshops and similar short courses is granted on the basis of one semester credit for at least 45 hours of scholarly activity. Exceptions to this policy for undergraduate courses must be approved by the University Curriculum Committee. Exceptions for graduate courses must be approved by the Graduate Council and the University Curriculum Committee.