Recommended Policy Changes to CUSA

I recommend the following policy changes to CUSA:

**Admission to Major:**

The currently approved Admission to Major policy requires us to interpret admissions requirements in the term of application rather than the term of matriculation to KU. This results in essentially a “moving target” for students attempting to meet the requirements because they may or may not be pursuing those in place during the time they began the program. Many programs have dramatically changed their admissions requirements (such as Political Science and Communication Studies) in recent terms, and these new requirements would apply to students at the term of admission to the major, and not those in place at the start of the student’s program. This poses significant difficulties to students because they may or may not be meeting the terms of admission. It also poses difficulties to departments who may not be prepared to staff new requirements, and causes confusion with advising. Therefore I would propose the following new language for admission to major policies in all majors:

*The requirements for admission to an academic department in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are based upon the term of matriculation to the University of Kansas, not term of admission to the Department. Departments may make exceptions to this policy at their discretion only with the consent of the student. Additionally, the Time Limit to Degree Policy would supersede this policy which allows a student a maximum of 10 years to complete their undergraduate degree, with a maximum of a two-year break from the University.*

**Double-Counting of Courses between Majors and Minors**

The College policy allows for one three credit course to double count as a major and a minor requirement. We routinely receive petitions requesting a course bearing more than three credits to double count between the major and minor. Per CUSA’s direction, we have consistently approved these petitions with departmental endorsement. I propose the following policy amendment to reduce the number of petitions we receive.

*Up to one course of credit may be used to fulfill requirements for both the major and the minor.*