**Information on System and SACS Requirements Regarding Hours in Degrees**

Information collected by Ann Green:

Ann talked to Cody Thompson and Jim Sadler at GA. Jim Sadler said other than what I found online (below) he is not aware of any guidance from GA about the number of hours or min. electives in a major or minor. He said SACS may have some guidelines but we would need to check with them.

Here’s what is found in the UNC Policy Manual:

1. Baccalaureate degree programs should be limited to 128 semester hours. Anything beyond that must be approved by the BOG.

2. A Post baccalaureate certificate is awarded for an equivalent of 18 semester credit hours beyond the bachelor’s degree.

3. A Post Masters certificate is awarded for an equivalent of 24 semester credit hours beyond the master’s degree.

Information from Melissa Wargo:

SACS Core Requirement 2.7.1 discusses program length. See below. A baccalaureate degree must have a minimum of 120 hours. They are silent on the number of hours required for a minor.

2.7.1 The institution offers one or more degree programs based on at least 60 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the associate level; at least 120 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the baccalaureate level; or at least 30 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the post-baccalaureate, graduate, or professional level. If an institution uses a unit other than semester credit hours, it provides an explanation for the equivalency. The institution also provides a justification for all degrees that include fewer than the required number of semester credit hours or its equivalent unit. (Program Length)