December 6, 2010

TO: KU Faculty, Staff, Students
FROM: Ben Eggleston, president, University Senate
RE: Review of Proposed Amendment to the University Senate Rules and Regulations 3.1.1.

On November 19, 2010, you were notified of a proposed amendment to University Senate Rules 3.1.1 that would reduce the minimum number of credit hours required for graduation with a bachelor's degree from 124 to 120. This amendment was approved by University Senate at its meeting on December 2, 2010 and is being forwarded to you for the required review period of 21 days, excluding Winter Break.

A review by the University Senate of its action may be requested by a majority vote of any of the four constituent senates (Faculty Senate, Student Senate, Unclassified Senate, or University Support Staff Senate) or by a petition signed by 100 members of the university community. Such request for review must be forwarded to the Office of University Governance (33 Strong Hall, 864-5169, govern@ku.edu) by Thursday, January 27, 2011.

Please contact me (eggleston@ku.edu) if you have a question about this amendment.

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Background: In October 2010 the Board of Regents amended its policy manual to permit Regents universities to reduce the minimum number of credit hours for graduation from 124 to 120. On December 2, 2010, the University Senate made the change described above. If ultimately approved, this change alone would not reduce the number of credit hours that undergraduates need for graduation, but would permit academic divisions such as the College and the schools to reduce the number of credit hours required for graduation if they so choose.

ARTICLE III. GRADUATION AND DEGREES

Section 1. Requirements for Graduation with the Bachelor's Degree

3.1.1 The minimum requirement for graduation with a bachelor's degree shall be 124 120 credit hours of which at least 45 hours shall be in junior-senior courses, at least 30 hours of residence courses at the University of Kansas (as defined in Article IV of the Faculty Senate Rules and Regulations), and a 2.0 minimum cumulative grade point average for the coursework taken in residence at the University of Kansas.