Non-Consent Agenda Item:
Approval to Amend the Special Examination for Credit or Grade Policy

Effective Term: AY 2014-15 for all enrolled undergraduates, regardless of Catalog.

Proposal:
The limitations on Special Examinations for Credit or Grade should be the same as the
limitations for the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) with respect to language course
exams.

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP Policy, http://catalog.arizona.edu/2014-15/policies/clep.htm

Prospective and currently enrolled students utilizing these examinations cannot earn credit
through CLEP for subjects or courses equivalent to, or at a lower level than, other courses for
which they have already earned credit through formal course work.

College Level French, German, and Spanish Language: Note: students enrolled in their first
language class may take the CLEP exam to earn additional language credit, if the exam is taken
before the end of the 7th week of the fall or spring semester.

Proposed amendment to the Special Examination for Credit or Grade Policy,
http://catalog.arizona.edu/2014-15/policies/profexam.htm: (in bold red font)

Limitations: The credit so earned may not duplicate units already presented for admission to
the University. Nor may the credit be in a course which is equivalent to, or more elementary than,
another course in which the student is enrolled or for which the student has already received
credit. The head of the examining department has the responsibility of determining the
application of this limitation in each student’s case. NOTE: Students enrolled in their first
foreign language course may earn credit and/or a grade for a lower-level language course
if they take the examination during the first seven weeks of a regular semester.

Justification for the modification:

For many years, students have been permitted to take a CLEP exam for French, German, or
Spanish while enrolled in their first course, as long as they take the exam in the first seven
weeks of a regular semester. However, students enrolled in their first course of another
language (e.g., Arabic, Hebrew, Japanese) do not have this flexibility. The same leeway should
be permitted under the Special Examination Policy.

Approvals:
Undergraduate Council: 11/4/14
Graduate Council: N/A
Academic Deans: 11/6/14
Administrative Review: 11/24/14
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