

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Item Name: Addendum to the 2015-2016 Academic Strategic Plan for Northern Arizona University

Action Item Discussion Item Information Item

Issue: The board is asked to approve the proposed additions to Northern Arizona University's 2015-2016 Academic Strategic Plan.

Background

- At the March 2015 ABOR meeting, the Academic Strategic Plan for Northern Arizona University was approved. As provided in board policy, Academic Strategic Plans may be modified during the year with the approval of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

Statutory/Policy Requirements

ABOR Policy 2-223. A.4 – The Academic Strategic Plan

Discussion

Northern Arizona University proposes the following changes to the 2015-2016 Academic Strategic Plan:

- The board previously approved a request to exceed the 64 credit transfer limit and allow NAU to transfer 75 units from Scottsdale Community College for the degree plan in the School of Hotel and Restaurant Management. NAU requests to expand the 75 unit allowance for this program to all Arizona community colleges.

The description and rationale for the proposed changes are in Attachment A.

Committee Review and Recommendation

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee will review this request at its meeting on June 3, 2015.

Recommendation to the Board

It is recommended that the board approve the addendum to Northern Arizona University's 2015-2016 Academic Strategic Plan, as presented in this executive summary.

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Attachment A

Northern Arizona University

2015-2016 Academic Strategic Plan Addenda

Table 1 – Exception to Transfer Credit Limit

Other Changes (> 120 hours programs; > 64 transfer credits)	College/School	Brief Description	Justification/
>64 transfer credits	The School of Hotel and Restaurant Management in the W.A. Franke College of Business	NAU currently allows the transfer of 75 units from Scottsdale Community College and utilizes classes taken there in the student degree plan at NAU. We request to expand the 75 unit allowance to all Arizona community colleges.	Students coming from the community colleges often have more than the 64 units that they are currently allowed to bring in. By allowing 75 units they can complete their liberal studies, take their language course and complete the economics courses needed for their degree.