

CNAS Executive Committee

**REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
February 27, 2018**

To Be Adopted

Proposed Changes to Regulations NR3.4.5, 3.4.6

PRESENT

NR3.4.5 Students must file a declaration of a minor at least two quarters before graduation and must be in good academic standing at the time of filing. The declaration of a minor requires the signature of the Professional Academic Advisor that handles the minor and the signature(s) of the Associate Dean(s) of the college(s) of both the major and the minor. The minor coursework (including all prerequisites for upper division courses in the minor) must be completed within the overall 216 unit maximum for the Bachelor's degree. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for all courses in the minor. If the student declares a minor and for any reason fails to complete the minor, the designation of the minor must be removed from the transcript before the student can graduate. (Am 29 Nov. 2011)

PROPOSED

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NR3.4.6 A grade point average of at least 2.0 in upper division courses ~~in the field of~~ the minor is a graduation requirement. When all other requirements for graduation have been met, the student will be graduated without the minor if the minimum GPA in ~~the minor field~~ has not been met.

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Statement of Purpose and Effect:

NR3.4.5 Clarifies how minor GPA is calculated. The existing regulations are not very clear about how the minor GPA is to be calculated. Because the pool of courses required for a minor (20-28 upper division units) is smaller than that required for a major, it is more onerous to hold the student to an overall GPA of 2.0 in “the field of the minor.”

NR3.5.6 Specifies that the minor GPA is calculated using only those courses that will satisfy the minor. By clarifying that the GPA is calculated only on those courses that will satisfy the 20-28 units in the minor, more opportunity for successfully completing the minor is provided.

Approved by the CNAS Executive Committee: October 17, 2017
Approvals

Approved by the Committee on _____: (Insert date of committee approval)

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction finds the wording to be consistent with the code of the Academic Senate: January 4, 2018

Received by Executive Council: (leave blank)