Graduation Policy

The graduation policy 5-20 was passed in 2009 with a change in the general education requirements for Associate of Applied Science degrees. The policy section is here with the change noted in II E. iii.

II. E. Associate of Applied Science Degree Requirements
   i. Minimum of 63 credits.
   ii. Completion of program requirements.
   iii. **Completion of a minimum 15 credits of institutional general education requirements as listed in program requirements.**
   iv. Completion of at least 20 credits at Dixie State College for institutional residency.

We feel that this change was not in the best interest of our applied science students and propose that the general education list be returned to its prior format. The courses we had before were more closely aligned with NWCCU policy which states that there should be an English, math and human relations component plus other courses as determined by an institution. Gary Wixom from the Regent's office indicates that the state policy is first to meet the accreditation standards and that no more than 25% of the credits of the degree be in this category.

The list of general core courses then for an Associate of Applied Science degree at Dixie State College would be the list prior to 2009 which is as follows for a total of 15 credits which is 24% of a 63 credit AAS degree.

ENGL 1010
LIB 1010
CIS 1200
MATH 1010 or above
BUS 1370 - Human Relations
BUS 1060 - Pre employment seminar

ENGL 2010 appeared in recent years as a requirement. Its history was that it replaced a business writing version of 2010 which was deleted from the catalog around 2005. It is our feeling that this research based course is not globally applicable to applied science degrees, takes the general core requirements above the 25% max and that it be left off.