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MEMO

To: Dr. Hollie Swanson
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Re: Proposal for Waiving Senate Rule 3.2.0 on Program Changes

Now that implementation of Gen Ed has been approved, we need a way to quickly get program changes in the University Bulletin for fall 2011. EVERY undergraduate degree program will have to be changed to reflect the new Gen Ed, and this will be no easy task for approving bodies if we require a full blown review all the way to Senate. Some programs have already submitted changes, but most are now working on them.

I am requesting a waiver of Senate Rule 3.2.0 on Academic Program Changes.

Colleges will proceed through their individual approval processes, and then send the faculty-approved Gen Ed pgm change to the to UC, which sends to the to SC, approval granted by the SC chair, and then notice of approval sent to Registrar.

The Undergraduate Council discussed this issue on January 18th with Jacquie Hager, Associate Registrar, and developed a recommendation. Colleges would proceed with their approval processes, send a memo with a revised Table 2 from the Program Change form (attached) to Undergraduate Council showing the Gen Ed requirements along with a description of how any hours that are freed up will be distributed into electives or pre-major from the old USP requirements. UG Council will ensure that the only change being sought is updating the curriculum to reflect the new Gen Ed program. After approval by UG Council, the documents would be sent to Senate Council and then on to the Registrar for updating the UK Bulletin. This will allow rapid updating of the Bulletin, and UG Council would ensure that there are no program changes other than those necessitated by changing from USP to Gen Ed.

This waiver applies ONLY to programs in which there are NO other changes being proposed. Essentially, this is a housekeeping issue for most degree programs. A program that proposes changes that are not simply a redefinition of USP requirements to Gen Ed would still have to go through the entire process. For example, Biology, Interior Design, and Social work have already submitted extensive changes to their bachelor degrees and these are undergoing full review and evaluation. And it only applies for the spring 2011 semester as we make these updates.

This process will allow the Registrar to make the necessary bulletin changes quickly and in time for the rapidly approaching new academic year. It will also greatly reduce the workload on UG Council and Senate Council Staff.

General Education Implementation – CHANGE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM FORM

1. General Information:

College: _____	Department: _____
Major Name: _____	Degree Title: _____
Formal Option(s), if any: _____	Specialty Field w/in Formal Options, if any: _____
Requested Effective Date: <u>FALL 2011</u>	
Contact Person: _____	Phone: _____ Email: _____

2. General Education Curriculum for this Program:

The new General Education curriculum is comprised of the equivalent of 30 credit hours of course work. There are, however, some courses that exceed 3 credits & this would result in more than 30 credits in some majors.

- There is no foreign language requirement for the new Gen Ed curriculum.
- There is no General Education Electives requirement.

Please list the courses/credit hours currently used to fulfill the University Studies curriculum:

Please identify below the suggested courses/credit hours to fulfill the General Education curriculum.

General Education Area	Course	Credit Hrs
I. Intellectual Inquiry (one course in each area)		
Arts and Creativity	_____	_____
Humanities	_____	_____
Social Sciences	_____	_____
Natural/Physical/Mathematical	_____	_____
II. Composition and Communication		
Composition and Communication I	CIS or WRD 110	3
Composition and Communication II	CIS or WRD 111	3
III. Quantitative Reasoning (one course in each area)		
Quantitative Foundations ¹	_____	_____
Statistical Inferential Reasoning	_____	_____
IV. Citizenship (one course in each area)		
Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA	_____	_____
Global Dynamics	_____	_____
Total General Education Hours		_____

¹ Note that MA 109 is NOT approved as a Quantitative Foundations course. Students in a major requiring calculus will use a calculus course (MA 113, 123, 137 or 138) while students not requiring calculus should take MA 111, PHI 120 or another approved course.