Date: January 3, 2016

To: Dr. Jean Pratt, Chair  
Academic Policies Committee

Fr: Dr. Michael Carney  
Associate Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Curriculum, Internationalization and Immersion

Re: Recommended changes to the requirements for a second baccalaureate degree

The Associate Deans Committee, comprised of Associate Deans and Associate Directors from both Academic and Student Affairs, recommends the following changes (outlined in red below) to the requirements for a second baccalaureate degree (p. 51 of the 2015-16 undergraduate catalog). These changes are necessary for subsequent catalogs due to implementation of the liberal education core in fall 2016.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have regarding these recommended changes.

SECOND BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

A graduate who has earned a baccalaureate degree from UW-Eau Claire or another accredited college or university can earn a second bachelor’s degree.

Students who are declared as a double major may not obtain a second baccalaureate degree.

A candidate for a second baccalaureate degree from UW-Eau Claire must satisfy the following graduation requirements:

1. Be admitted to the second bachelor’s degree after completion of the first bachelor’s degree from UW-Eau Claire or another college or university,
2. Students who are seeking a second bachelor degree should contact the Financial Aid Office to review how this process will affect their financial aid,
3. All second degree students must have their transcripts reviewed and their plan of study approved by the Associate Dean for the college from which they are seeking the second degree,
4. Obtain 30 credits beyond the first degree, of which at least 23 must be taken in residence,
5. Satisfy all major/minor and other degree-specific requirements of the second degree,
6. Satisfy the cultural diversity UW System Design for Diversity requirement,
7. It is presumed that the University graduation requirements in English competency, mathematics/statistics competency, foreign language/foreign culture, general education, physical activity and wellness, and service learning liberal education core requirements are satisfied by the completion of a baccalaureate degree,
8. Two degrees may not be awarded in the same term,
9. The GPA for the second degree will be calculated based on the course work that was completed after graduation from the first bachelor degree,
10. Academic distinction for the second bachelor degree is computed based on the credits earned toward the completion of the second degree.