Proposed LE Framework Amendment  Credit Bearing Course Requirement Preamble:

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) dictates that for UWEC to maintain accreditation that at least 30 credits of coursework come from a General Education (in our case a Liberal Education) program of study. The courses taken in this program have to be for credit offerings. APC recently amended their framework to require all ‘Experiences’ to be credit bearing. All ‘Experiences’ whether curricular or co-curricular will need to go through the same rigorous approval process by their college and then ULEC. To require that all ‘Experiences’ be credit bearing will result in the exclusion of some very worthy high impact practices. Some of these exclusions might include student/faculty research, service learning, study abroad and I am sure there are many others. This seems counter intuitive. The only requirement we should have is that which is mandated for accreditation.

Proposed Amendment Credit Bearing Course Requirement:

Students need to satisfy the LE Core with a minimum of at least 30 credits from credit bearing Courses.