REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

Currently UW-Eau Claire defines students' academic standing based on three criteria: semester GPA, resident GPA, and completion of 75% of the credits for which the student is registered. If a student completes fewer than 75% of the credits, the student is placed on academic warning or worse, depending on the other two criteria. Typically, the academic standing of relatively few students has been affected by the 75% rule, although the rule has enabled academic deans and Associate Deans of Students to identify student problems early and intervene.

With the adoption of PeopleSoft, we have to decide whether we want to keep the 75% rule. PeopleSoft does not have the capability to identify students who have completed fewer than 75% of their credits. Such a capability would have to be designed either by PeopleSoft or by our LTS staff. In either case it would be expensive.

Points Discussed by Committee:

The usefulness of the 75% rule

The question of whether there should be an academic penalty for not completing 75% of the credits

Disagreement among the Associate Deans group regarding the value of keeping the rule, given the small number of students affected by it

The cost of adaptation needed to enable PeopleSoft to implement the rule

Pros of Recommendation:

It saves the funds and staff time needed to adapt Peoplesoft

Relatively few students have been affected by the rule

Cons of Recommendation:

The 75% rule served as an early warning system, enabling academic deans and Associate Deans of Students to intervene

There is no other early warning system currently in place

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

Staff time to delete references to the 75% rule from the University Catalogue and other documents
Committee Recommendation:

The Academic Policies recommends that the 75% rule be eliminated.

MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate Committee: Academic Policies
by a vote of __6__ for to __1__ against on __March 2, 2010__ (Date)

Recommends that

The 75% rule be eliminated.

Implementation Date: upon publication of the 2011-12 University Catalogue

Signed: Barbara Lozar ________
Chair of the Committee

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