REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

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

Because of the nature of environmental studies, and in light of the broad composition of the WICES affiliate faculty group, courses with the ENV prefix are anticipated to draw from multiple disciplinary perspectives in the arts, humanities, natural sciences and/or social sciences. Given the diverse, interdisciplinary approach to environmental topics and issues that are likely to be addressed in such courses, there is a strong probability that many of the courses may be appropriate for General Education designation, and be applicable in a variety of areas.

Points Discussed by Committee:
1. Courses cannot be added to the GE curriculum unless their prefix is first approved.
2. Per the catalog, courses that are cross listed will be credited toward the home department.

Pros of Recommendation:
1. UWEC could take the lead in environmental history.
2. The prefix will enable faculty to create courses related to their areas of expertise.
3. New and cross-listed courses will provide students with more opportunities for tailoring their general education to areas related to environmental studies.

Cons of Recommendation: None identified

Technology/Human Resource Impact: None identified

Committee Recommendation:

Place the ENV prefix in the General Education subcategories of GE-IC: Interdisciplinary Studies-Communications; GE-IIF: Interdisciplinary Studies-Natural Sciences; GE-IIIG: Interdisciplinary Studies-Social Sciences; GE-IVE: Interdisciplinary Studies-Humanities; and GE-V: University Wide General Education.
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The Academic Policies Committee:

by a vote of __8__ for to __0__ against on ____October 9, 2012_________

Recommends placement of the ENV prefix in the General Education subcategories of GE-IC: Interdisciplinary Studies-Communications; GE-IIF: Interdisciplinary Studies-Natural Sciences; GE-IIIG: Interdisciplinary Studies-Social Sciences; GE-IVE: Interdisciplinary Studies-Humanities; and GE-V: University Wide General Education.

Implementation Date: Upon next catalog publication

Signed: ___Jean A. Pratt_____________________
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