REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue—why the issue is being considered:
Most transfer students to UWEC come from the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) institutions or the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system. The Admissions office examined the curriculum of Associates degree programs from the top feeder schools in Wisconsin and Minnesota and the office supports this motion. This motion supports the UWEC shift in student population from entry-level freshman to transfer students.

Points Discussed by Committee:

- The liberal arts Associate of Arts and Sciences (AAS) degree from the University of Wisconsin System is already accepted as fulfilling all requirements of the General Education program at UW-Eau Claire.
- For the MnSCU institutions, the Associate in Arts curriculum is consistent with our General Education requirements; however, the Associate in Science and Associate of Fine Arts degrees do not satisfy all UW-Eau Claire General Education elements and these degrees are excluded from this motion.
- This motion would cover the GE requirements, not the breadth requirements (e.g., Cultural Diversity, Wellness, Math/Stats Competency, Foreign Language/Foreign Culture, Writing)
- The Cultural Diversity requirement not automatically met by associates’ degrees from WTCS and MnSCU schools could be met via coursework, but would be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- Second-degree students must meet the program requirements—not GE
- This motion applies to the current General Education requirements. APC will revisit this issue after Liberal Education is approved.
- 500- and 800-level courses (e.g., from Fox Valley Technical College) would need to evaluated on a course-by-course basis. The Madison Area Technical College courses can be used as a guideline.

Pros of Recommendation:

- Would facilitate transfer process from the feeder schools to UWEC
- Would make UWEC more attractive to transfer students

Cons of Recommendation: None

Technology/Human Resource Impact: None

Committee Recommendation:

1. UW-Eau Claire shall accept the liberal arts Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS) degrees from Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) institutions as fulfilling all requirements of the General Education program at UW-Eau Claire, and
2. UW-Eau Claire shall accept the liberal arts Associate in Arts (AA) degrees from institutions in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system as fulfilling all requirements of the General Education program at UW-Eau Claire.
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The Academic Policies Committee,

by a vote of ___9___ for to ___0___ against on November 5, 2013

recommends that

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2. UW-Eau Claire shall accept the liberal arts Associate in Arts (AA) degrees from institutions in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system as fulfilling all requirements of the General Education program at UW-Eau Claire.

Implementation Date: 2014-2015 Catalog

Signed: ______Jean A. Pratt_____
   Chair of the Committee

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