REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

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

UWEC is in collaboration with five other UW campuses and UW Extension to create an online Master of Science (MS) degree in Data Science. Because the degree is a graduate level program, approval for the program goes before the Graduate Council rather than the Academic Policies Committee and the University Senate. Likewise, courses are approved through their corresponding college curriculum committee (Arts and Sciences) and do not come before University Senate. However, a prefix for a new program must come before the University Senate.

Points Discussed by Committee:
1. The prefix is intended for courses in this graduate-level data science program.
2. This program is collaborative across UW Extension and six University of Wisconsin institutions—including UWEC.

Pros of Recommendation: The courses contributed by each of the 6 institutions will have the DS prefix, thereby providing consistency within the degree.

Cons of Recommendation: None

Technology/Human Resource Impact: None

Committee Recommendation:
Establish a DS prefix for courses contributing to the Master of Data Science online program being developed in conjunction with UW Extension.
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The Academic Policies Committee,

by a vote of _8_ in favor and _0_ against on November 18, 2014

recommends that a DS prefix for courses contributing to the Master of Data Science online program being developed in conjunction with UW Extension be created.

Implementation Date: Immediate

Signed: ______Jean A. Pratt_____
            Chair of the Committee

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