REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

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

The Associate Deans Committee, comprised of Associate Deans and Associate Directors from both Academic and Student Affairs, recommends the following changes (outlined in red below) to the requirements for a second baccalaureate degree (p. 51 of the 2015-16 undergraduate catalog). These changes are necessary for subsequent catalogs due to implementation of the liberal education core in fall 2016.

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. The revised text aligns with the liberal education text, also effective in the 2016-2017 catalog.
2. Even though we realize that other institutions likely do not have the same liberal education program that we do, neither did they necessarily have the same general education program. The purpose of this text is to facilitate student ability to pursue a second degree at UWEC after earning a baccalaureate degree at an accredited college or university.

Pros of Recommendation:

1. Ensures consistency in catalog text as it relates to liberal education.
2. Supports student recruitment.

Cons of Recommendation: None

Technology/Human Resource Impact: The Registrar’s Office will have to make the catalog text changes.

Committee Recommendation:

Change the requirements for a Second Baccalaureate Degree to align with the liberal education program and update the Undergraduate Catalog as defined in the text below.
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The Academic Policies Committee,

by a vote of _7_ in favor and _0_ against on February 2, 2016,

recommends that the requirements for a Second Baccalaureate Degree be changed to align with the liberal education program and the Undergraduate Catalog updated as defined in the text below.

Changes are in red. Corresponding page is 51 in the 2015-2016 Undergraduate Catalog.

SECOND BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

A graduate who has earned a baccalaureate degree from UW-Eau Claire or another accredited college or university can earn a second bachelor's baccalaureate degree.

Students who are declared as a double major may not obtain a second baccalaureate degree.

A candidate for a second baccalaureate degree from UW-Eau Claire must satisfy the following graduation requirements:

1. Be admitted to the second bachelor's baccalaureate degree after completion of the first bachelor's baccalaureate degree from UW-Eau Claire or another college or university,
2. Students who are seeking a second bachelor's baccalaureate degree should contact the Financial Aid Office to review how this process will affect their financial aid,
3. All second degree students must have their transcripts reviewed and their plan of study approved by the Associate Dean for the college from which they are seeking the second degree,
4. Obtain 30 credits beyond the first degree, of which at least 23 must be taken in residence,
5. Satisfy all major/minor and other degree-specific requirements of the second degree,
6. Satisfy the cultural diversity UW System Design for Diversity requirement,
7. It is presumed that the University graduation requirements in English competency, mathematics/statistics competency, foreign language/foreign culture, general education, physical activity and wellness, and service learning liberal education core requirements are satisfied by the completion of a baccalaureate degree,
8. Two degrees may not be awarded in the same term,
9. The GPA for the second degree will be calculated based on the course work that was completed after graduation from the first bachelor baccalaureate degree,
10. Academic distinction for the second bachelor baccalaureate degree is computed based on the credits earned toward the completion of the second degree.

Implementation Date: 2016-2017 Catalog

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