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

With the change from the general education (GE) to the Liberal Education (LE) university graduation requirements Admissions needs to have a transfer policy in place to allow students transferring to UWEC from two-year programs that offer select Associate (Arts (AA)/Science (AS)) Degrees.

1. UWS policy 135 equates UWS Associate Degrees as meeting all university wide general education breadth requirements for all institutions. Therefore, in order to be transfer friendly, the admissions office has recommended that we also accept the Associate Degrees from UWS as meeting all LE graduation requirements that are not specific to UWEC majors.

2. In cases where specific Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Associate Degrees specifically align with the Associate Degrees offered by UWS institutions; UWS recommends that the UWS baccalaureate institutions should accept these degrees as meeting the university-wide general education (or LE) breadth requirement.

3. Associate Degrees from Minnesota (MnSCU) are also accepted as meeting GE or LE university-wide LE/GE breadth requirements for many of our sister institutions such as (UWL, Parkside, River Falls, Stout, Superior and Whitewater).

UW-Eau Claire has a financial interest (meeting revenue targets for tuition) in being competitive with regards to transfer equivalency with neighboring institutions. APC is recommending a transfer policy that APC feels is competitive with our UWS sister institutions and also maintains the integrity of the UWEC baccalaureate degree.

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. About 60 students per year transfer to UWEC with select AA degrees that would be impacted by this transfer policy.

2. The suggested transfer policy is consistent with the transfer policy that used to be in effect for the GE program

3. Design for Diversity is relatively consistent across all UWS institutions but not necessarily at WTCS and MnSCU institutions.

4. Design for Diversity is part of the LE Core and it should be enforced; students already experiencing issues with diversity awareness on campus. This will help to prove that UWEC is at least committed to the issue within the curriculum.

5. It is unknown if there will be workload issues within Degree Review; other UWS institutions responding to Admissions indicated an even split between an automatic acceptance of Design for Diversity (Superior, Stout, Milwaukee, Oshkosh) vs. not (La Crosse, Whitewater, Parkside, Madison).

6. UWEC has a financial interest in being viewed as transfer friendly.

Pros of Recommendation:

1. Admissions viewed the proposed policy as being transfer friendly.

2. The policy is consistent with past practice and also meets applicable UWS transfer guidelines.

Cons of Recommendation:

Not automatically accepting Associate Degrees from WTCS and MnSCU as meeting the UWS requirement for a credit bearing Design for Diversity requirement might be difficult to code into degree audits. Design for Diversity might still be met for some of these WTCS and MnSCU students due to preexisting or future transfer course equivalency determination.
Transfer Equivalency

Technology/Human Resource Impact:
Registrar’s office needs to find a way to code these proposed transfer equivalencies.

Committee Recommendation:
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MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

by a vote of _7__ for to _0__ against on November 1, 2016 (Date)

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Implementation Date: Immediate

Signed: _______________________________________
Chair of the Committee

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