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To: Dr. Marquell Johnson, Chair
Academic Policies Committee

Fr: Academic Associate Deans
Dr. Mary Hoffman, Interim Associate Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Re: Fulfillment of Liberal Education Core Requirements by the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System (MNSCU)

We recommend the following:

UW-Eau Claire shall accept the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum from Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System institutions as fulfilling all requirements of the Liberal Education Core at UW-Eau Claire with the exception of the Design for Diversity requirement in R1.

The Admissions office, Academic Associate Deans, and the Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs examined the MnTC curriculum and support this proposal. This proposal mirrors the approach taken to accepting associate degrees from MNSCU.

Degree requirements other than Liberal Education may not be automatically fulfilled with the MnTC.

Background on Minnesota Transfer Curriculum:
The MnTC is a package of courses that once completed with a minimum GPA of 2.0 is noted on the transcript. To complete the MnTC, students must earn a minimum of 40 credits in each of the ten goal areas: communication (2-3 courses), critical thinking (embedded in other goal courses), natural sciences (1 course biological, 1 course physical), mathematical/logical reasoning (1 course), history and the social and behavioral sciences (3 courses), the humanities and fine arts (3 courses), human diversity (1 course), global perspective (1 course), ethical and civic responsibility (1 course), people and the environment (1 course). [http://www.mntransfer.org/transfer/mntc/t_sample.php]

Acceptance of MnTC across the UW System (based on a question sent to the UW Transfer listserv)
- Minnesota State Colleges and Universities accept this package as completing the general education requirements.
- The University of Minnesota accepts this package as completing the general education requirements
- UW-River Falls accepts this package as waiving general education and university requirements except for a 1-credit Health and Fitness for Life course.
- UW-Stout accepts this package in fulfillment of general education requirements with the exception of those required in a major.

Advantages to accepting the MnTC as fulfilling the the LE Core (with the exception of Design for Diversity):
- Transfer friendly – these students have completed 40 or more credits prior to enrolling at UW-Eau Claire.
- Beneficial when recruiting students from Minnesota – students completing the MnTC will know it meets the general education requirement in Minnesota and will want to know if it does so at UW-Eau Claire. It will also allow us to better compete with UW-River Falls and UW-Stout for transfer students.
• Students will likely take additional LE courses as part of their major, such as Skills 3 (Creativity) and Integration 1 (Integration).

This proposal will facilitate transfer to UW-Eau Claire for students at these institutions.

Please contact Mary Hoffman with any questions you might have about the proposal. We look forward to your consideration.