

**Wayne State University**  
**Proceedings of the Student Affairs Committee**  
**September 27, 2017**

**Present:** Kristina Curtiss, Pamela Dale, Kelly Driscoll, Carolyn Herrington, Barbara Jones, Rachel Kollin, Victoria Pardo, Rachel Pawlowski, Naida Simon, David Strauss, Jennifer Wareham, Robert Welch, mark wenzel

**Absent with Notice:** Deanna Cavanaugh, Margit Chadwell, Michael Horn, Michele Ronnick, Brad Roth,

Naida called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. The Minutes were adopted unanimously.

The sole topic of today's meeting was continuing the discussion on the adoption of the new General Education (Gen Ed) proposal. Prior to the meeting Naida distributed Comments on the Gen Ed Proposal.

The discussion began with a discussion on how many transferrable academic credits would be needed to exempt transfer students from requiring FYI and WE. After a brief discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to set the number at twenty four (24) credits.

Current students who want to change to the new Gen Ed program are allowed to do so under the Bulletin-in-effect rule. Students who choose to do so must realize that the rule applies to Gen Ed and the major. Degree Works should be able to do a "what if" scenario for both. The MC suspension will be in effect until Fall 2018. When it expires, current students who entered under the suspension and remain under the old Gen Ed will not be required to take MC/QR.

The training of advisers will be through the Advisor Training Academy (ATA). SAC believes and supports that ALL advisers and those ASOs, EPCs and UCs who advise be required to take the training.

**Communication Plan:** According to Monica, they are working on it. It cannot be rolled out until after the BOG votes on the plan.

**Office of the Registrar:** The powers-that-be believe that all the coding of the new requirements will be done by the end of January 2018.

**Issue of additional college requirements to Gen Ed:** According to Monica, the Provost's Office will take a hard line on this to prohibit colleges from adding requirements to Gen Ed. The deans are supportive of this plan. Majors can add additional requirements such as a foreign language requirement.

**Current designations:** They will remain the same until GEOC reviews them and makes changes. Monica feels that existing courses in most categories (e.g. NS, CI, SI, BC, IC, etc. should remain the same) and GEOC should be able to review these by the end of the Fall semester, For the

newer categories, e.g. DEI, it may take a little longer. She feels that FYI and QR are the only requirements that will be a challenge.

**New courses:** Monica feels that there will be time to create new courses to meet the new designations, but there is a need to speed up the review time.

**Update websites:** The Courseleaf software should make this easier.

**What does MTA mean:** MTA means that WSU must give thirty (30) hours of academic credit that count towards a degree. SAC recommended and unanimously voted that transfer students with MTA designation must fulfill all Foundation courses (which currently is IC or OC).

**The WE:** SAC does not support the idea that a Learning Community experience should be a substitution for WE. It does support that it can be absorbed into FYS (First Year Seminar) for the Fall semester only. WE offered in the Winter semester should be different because currently FYS is a Fall only option. A discussion, but no recommendation, was made to allow departments to offer the WE course.

At the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting we discussed a name change for FYI. One suggestion was to rename the course First Semester at Wayne (FSW). The rationale for this is that it would include all first semester at Wayne students since the idea for this new Gen Ed was that the Wayne experience and first year class is so important. If transfer students are left out then the degree would be different. One for transfer students and one for FTIAC students.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

**Next meeting October 11, 2017 at 1:30 pm in the 3339 FAB**