



September 3, 2014

MEMO

TO: Dr. Andrew Hippisley, Senate Council Chair
FROM: Dr. Benjamin C. Withers, Associate Provost
RE: Fast Track Program Changes for GCCR

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Last year the Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR) Advisory Committee worked diligently to vet and approve the new requirement for about 90% of undergraduate programs. We still have a few programs (see attached list) where the creation of new requirements was put on hold. I am writing to you to request that the Senate Council approve a temporary extension of the "fast-track" process we used last year so that we can facilitate the timely approval of the remaining program changes.

The special provision that the Senate Council approved last year allowed for expedited approval of the GCCR under certain conditions. This expedited process permitted that all GCCR proposals, after having received all necessary internal college approvals, were vetted and approved by the GCCR and then sent directly to the Senate Council office, bypassing the Undergraduate Council. The program changes will then be posted on a web transmittal for final Senate approval.

As we did last year, changes approved through this fast-track procedure will be restricted to those directly related to GCCR. Programs would be expressly forbidden to forward unrelated changes through this process. Any program that proposes changes not strictly necessary for implementation of GCCR would still have to go through the regular process of program approval.

I recommend that a deadline of November 1, 2014 be set for this expedited process. Programs who do not submit a college-approved request to the GCCR by this date will have to follow the regular process of program approval.

It is understood that the GCCR co-chairs will work directly with Senate Council staff to process and report these changes to the Registrar.

Dr. Matt Giancarlo and Dr. Deanna Sellnow have agreed to once again serve as co-chairs of the GCCR Advisory committee provided that this expedited process is approved. Clearly, this is a matter for Senate Council, so I am forwarding this request along with my positive recommendation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin C. Withers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "B" and "W".

Dr. Benjamin C. Withers,
Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education

attach: list of programs needing GCCR approval

List of the programs still **without** a GCCR-approved course or course sequence (includes both B.A./B.S. where applicable):

- College of Agriculture, Food, & Environment
 - Food Science FSC
 - Horticulture, Plant and Soil Sciences HPLS
 - Sustainable Agriculture SAG

- Arts & Sciences
 - Environmental & Sustainability Studies ENS
 - Health, Society, & Populations (New program fall 2014)
 - Political Science PS

- College of Design
 - Architecture ARC

- College of Education
 - Health Promotion
 - Kinesiology
 - Secondary Education — STEM Education
 - Secondary Education — Social Studies

Approval will be needed for any other new B.A./B.S. programs approved at the end of Spring 2014 for implementation Fall 2014.