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RE: Fast Track Program Changes for General Education

Now that implementation of Gen Ed has been approved, we need to develop a way to quickly get program changes in the University Bulletin for fall 2011. EVERY undergraduate degree program will have to be changed to reflect the new Gen Ed, and this will be no easy task for approving bodies if we require a full blown review all the way to Senate. Some programs have already submitted changes, but most are now working on them.

I want to propose an alternative that is based on past precedent. When the Oral Communication requirement was suspended in 2006, program changes were handled by simply providing a memo to the registrar on what those three hours would be distributed to. When Chemistry changed from 9 hours as CHE 105, 107, and 115 to 105, 107, 111, and 113, all undergraduate degree programs with CHE were changed as an editorial process after colleges indicated that they would still require CHE.

The Undergraduate Council discussed this issue on January 18<sup>th</sup> with Jacquie Hager, Associate Registrar, and developed a recommendation. Colleges would send a memo to Undergraduate Council and the Registrar showing the Gen Ed Table of requirements along with a description of how any hours that are freed up will be distributed into electives or pre-major from the old USP requirements. This will allow rapid updating of the Bulletin, and UG Council would ensure that there are no program changes other than those necessitated by changing from USP to Gen Ed.

For example, ECO 201 was USP Social Science for many programs but will not be Gen Ed. But, ECO 201 was also usually a pre-major course and would still remain for most. The only change is the removal of ECO 201 from the Gen Ed table. It would remain in the list of Pre-major requirements for the program.

Another example would be the change in our current USP writing and com requirements from ENG 104 and a COM class to C&C I and C&C II. This frees up 1 hour, which for most Programs would be moved into the free elective category. Otherwise no change in the requirements for the degree would occur. This change affects EVERY degree program.

This process would only be allowed for Programs in which there are NO other changes being proposed. Essentially, this is a housekeeping issue for most degree programs. A program that proposes changes that are not simply a redefinition of USP requirements Gen Ed would still have to go through the entire process. For example, Biology and Social work have already submitted extensive changes to their bachelor degrees and these are undergoing full review and evaluation.

This process will allow the Registrar to make the necessary bulletin changes quickly and in time for the rapidly approaching new academic year. It will also greatly reduce the workload on UG Council and Senate Council Staff.

I look forward to discussion of this at Senate Council on Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.