

**FACULTY AGENDA ITEM NO. 12-10**

**Date:** *September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012*

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**SUBJECT:** SAS associate degree offerings in conjunction with Washburn Institute of Technology

**Description:** *For approximately two decades the SAS has offered the associate of applied science degree for select programs of study at Washburn Institute of Technology (WIT). It is the intent of the SAS to continue to offer an associate degree for students completing these programs. In order to do so, it is intent of the SAS to change all of the current associate of applied science majors to an associate of arts or an associate of science degree. As WIT begins to offer the associate of applied science, this proposal would offer students the option of completing a major at WIT but also completing WU general education. We believe that doing so will help attract capable students to the university and will provide a stepping stone to baccalaureate degrees offered on WU campus.*

**Rationale:** *See above.*

**Financial Implications:** This proposal requires no new courses or additional sections to existing courses. No additional staffing resources will be required since these resources are currently being offered. Financially, the proposal should help offset the impact of students completing the associate of applied science degree at WIT. This proposal should help to maintain a proportion of the current market share of students taking general education courses and required correlates at WU.

**Proposed Effective Date:** *Spring, 2013*

**Request for Action:** *Approval by AAC/.FAC/FS/ Gen Fac, etc*

**Approved by:** *AAC on 10-15-12*

*FAC on date*

*Faculty Senate on date*

**Attachments** Yes X No