

Academic Affairs Committee Minutes
Monday, November 13, 2017
3:00 – 4:00 pm
Thomas Room

Present: Sarah Cook, Anne Fredrickson, Jason Jolicoeur, Sungkyu Kwak, Tom Prasch, Kandy Ockree, Caren Dick, Melanie Worsley

Russ Smith and Dmitri Nizovtsev, guests

1. Action Items:

a. Restoring General Education Credit for Non-U.S. Associate Degrees

A motion and second were made to open the discussion regarding this agenda item.

The committee discussed the importance of attracting international students to Washburn and how policies such as the restoring general education credit proposal make it easier to recruit international students to Washburn.

There was concern expressed regarding reconciling the international student transfer policy with the transfer policy applying to credits earned at U.S. institutions. After thoughtful discussion, the committee decided that even though there are concerns about treating international credits differently than credits earned in the U.S., the proposal was still feasible. The committee noted that the proposal mirrored the policy currently in place for baccalaureate degrees, the proposal was essentially restoration of a previous policy in place from 2004 to 2013, and the ECE/WES process helps ensure the quality of international transfer credits.

Two friendly amendments were made:

- On pg. 1 of the proposal, change “changes underlined here; would not be in the catalog” to “changes underlined here; changes will not be underlined in the catalog.”
- On pg. 3 of the proposal, make the “[n]eedless to say, the tuition revenue from even one additional international student . . .” sentence the third sentence in the first paragraph.

A motion and second were made to approve the agenda item with the above modifications. All voted to approve, and the agenda item will be moved forward to the Faculty Senate.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.