



ACADEMIC COORDINATING COMMISSION
Meeting Abstract of November 22, 2016

Called to order at 4:02 pm by ACC Chair Seán Murphy. Minutes of 8 November 2016 were approved as amended.

Steve VanderStaay, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education:

- The State Legislature requires public universities to allow transfer students the option of finishing their general undergraduate requirements at their transfer institution. Western already allows this, but may need to formalize agreements.
- The State Legislature mandated a workgroup to explore accelerated degree programs and make recommendations for state institutions. VanderStaay reported that Western already provides students with a number of opportunities to graduate early and does not recommend the creation of new accelerated degree programs at this time.

Erick Yanzon, AS VP for Academic Affairs:

- Viking Lobby Day will be held in January 2017. This event provides students with the opportunity to travel to Olympia and lobby state legislatures on behalf of student affairs.

ACTION ITEM

Recommended Improvements to General Education Report: ACC discussed revisions to a draft report on recommended improvements to Western’s general education program forwarded to Commissioners by ACC Chair Seán Murphy. Murphy agreed to edit the document based on Commissioner feedback.

A **motion to approve** the Recommended Improvement to General Education report as edited and forward to the Faculty Senate (forwarded by Joan Hoffman and seconded) **passed** unanimously.

REVIEW OF CURRICULUM MINUTES

#	Committee	Date	Actions	Minutes prepared by
25	College of Science & Engineering CC (CSE)	11/7/2016	ACCEPTED with comments. ^{1,2}	J. Mott
2R	International Programs Advisory Committee (IPAC)	5/25/2016	MOTION and comments. ³	K. Mantello
15	Huxley College CC (HCCC)	6/2/2016	ACCEPTED	R. Kawczynski
17	Fairhaven College CC (FCCC)	10/26/2016	ACCEPTED	Anna Blick
18	Committee on Undergraduate Education (CUE)	10/13/2016	ACCEPTED	K. Swift

¹ Page 3 (Chem, BS): Commissioners recommend revising the language in sentence four of the revised “How to Declare” section for clarity. David Brunnemer, Registrar, offered to work with the Chemistry department on the language revision.

² Page 6 (Math Placement Test Memo): Commissioners inquired when the Math department will determine and communicate what the suitable math assessment scores are. Commissioners also noted a typo on page 7: GEOL 221A should read GEOL 211A.

³ Commissioners reviewed a proposed charge revision for the International Programs Advisory Committee. Commissioners questioned how the proposed revisions extend the capacity and facilitate the work of the ACC, IPAC’s charging body. A **motion to return** the proposed charge revision (forwarded by Joan Hoffman and seconded) **passed** with one abstention. ACC will discuss curricular overview of international and Study Abroad courses at a future meeting.

Review of Huxley CC minutes of 10/10/2016 (16); CHSS CC minutes of 10/27/2016 (19); Woodring CC minutes of 10/17/2016 (20); RASC minutes of 10/7/2016 (21); Fairhaven CC minutes of 10/9/2016 (22); CUE minutes of 10/27/2016 (23); and Graduate Council minutes 11/1/2016 (24) deferred until the meeting of January 10, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.