

1 Faculty Senate Bill 328

Introduced by  
Academic Planning Committee and  
Committee on Committees

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7 **A BILL TO REVISE UW REGULATION**  
8 **6-702 “Establishment of Faculty Senate Committees”**  
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11 **WHEREAS**, the Academic Planning Committee, in coordination with the Committee on  
12 Committees, has reviewed and developed proposed changes to UW Regulation 6-702 for  
13 updates and consistency with University Studies Program 2015; therefore,  
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15 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming that UW  
16 Regulation 6-702 is hereby amended as presented in the attached addendum.

***AUTHENTICATION:*** *The foregoing Senate Bill 328, duly adopted by the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming under date of April 28, 2014, is hereby transmitted to the President of the University of Wyoming for review in accordance with UW Regulations.*

/s/  
Jennifer Petrie  
Secretary of the Faculty Senate

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**Excerpt from**  
**UW REGULATION 6-702**  
**Establishment of Faculty Senate Committees**

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**14. UNIVERSITY STUDIES COMMITTEE** (See also UW Regulation 6-407, "University Studies Program.")

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a. **Rationale**

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The University Studies Program ~~requires~~ demands completion of specific requirements in identified areas of study in accordance with criteria approved by the University Faculty Senate. ~~In cooperation with the Board of Trustees and academic administrators, the Faculty Senate is responsible for making decisions regarding curriculum.~~ In cooperation with the Board of Trustees and academic administrators, the University Studies Committee of the Faculty Senate is responsible for making decisions regarding which courses are to be designated as USP-compliant. (See also UW regulation 6-407 2.c.)

b. **Functions**

The University Studies Committee shall:

(i.) Develop and maintain a planning, review, and assessment process for the University Studies Program;

(ii.) Define the philosophy, learning outcomes desired, and criteria for courses ~~in the relevant areas of study,~~ with Faculty Senate approval;

(iii.) Identify and approve courses for the Program;

(iv.) Consult with and advise academic departments concerning the needs and requirements of the Program;

(v.) Grant approval of alternative courses or pilot programs to fulfill University Studies requirements for a limited time;

(vi.) Appoint *ad hoc* sub-committees as needed to accomplish the goals outlined in sections i-iv above ~~of UW Regulation 6-407, 3.b.i. v.~~ and to select and review courses that meet the criteria approved by the Faculty Senate.

(vii.) Develop and maintain appropriate linkages with the Academic Planning Committee, the Faculty University Course Review Committee, college assessment coordinators, and the Student Interaction

1 Committee, with particular regard to new courses or modification of courses  
2 considered for approval as meeting requirements of the Program.  
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4 (viii.) Make reports and recommendations to the Faculty Senate as may be  
5 deemed appropriate or as requested.  
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7 (ix.) Consider and grant such waivers of requirements of the University Studies  
8 Program to petitioning students as warranted by unusual and extenuating  
9 circumstances, upon recommendation of the Coordinator (see UW Regulation  
10 6-407,3.b.).  
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12 c. **Composition**  
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14 The committee shall consist of 11 voting members. Members of the University  
15 Studies Committee will include one academic personnel member from each of the  
16 undergraduate colleges and from the Libraries, the American Heritage Center, and  
17 the Outreach School, with the exception that the College of Arts and Sciences  
18 shall have two representatives. Each college or group will elect their own  
19 representatives, and these names will be forwarded to the Executive Committee of  
20 the Faculty Senate for approval. Faculty representatives shall serve staggered  
21 three-year terms. Vice presidents, deans, associate and assistant deans, and  
22 directors shall not be eligible to serve on the committee. A student designated by  
23 the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming Senate shall be a member  
24 with vote, and the President, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, a  
25 representative from Student Affairs, the Academic Planning Committee, the  
26 Dean's Council, Academic Advising, and the Wyoming community colleges shall  
27 be *ex officio* members without vote. The committee shall elect its chairperson.  
28 The Chair or his/her designee shall serve as an *ex officio* member of the  
29 University Course Review Committee. The University Studies coordinator shall  
30 serve as secretary of the committee and maintain a record of the minutes of  
31 meetings. The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate shall fill temporary  
32 vacancies on the University Studies Committee.

Source:

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