Faculty Senate Bill 332

Introduced by Executive Committee
and
Committee on Committees

A BILL TO REVISE UW REGULATION 6-702
“Establishment of Faculty Senate Committees”
Section 14. University Studies Committee

WHEREAS, the implementation of USP 2015 has created a need for an ongoing First Year Seminar Coordinator and a Communications Sequence Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the opinions and experience of holders of these two positions warrant sharing with the University Studies Committee; and

WHEREAS, the opinions and experience of the University Studies Committee should be heard by the holders of these two positions; therefore,

BE IT ENACTED by the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming to amend UW Regulation 6-702 presented in the attached addenda.

AUTHENTICATION: The foregoing Senate Bill 332, duly adopted by the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming under date of December 15, 2014, is hereby transmitted to the President of the University of Wyoming for review in accordance with UW Regulations.

/s/
Janet Dewey
Secretary of the Faculty Senate
Excerpt from
UW REGULATION 6-702
Establishment of Faculty Senate Committees

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

a. **Rationale**

The University Studies Program requires 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.

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 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, and the Student Interaction Committee, with particular regard to new courses or modification of courses considered for approval as meeting requirements of the Program.
(viii.) Make reports and recommendations to the Faculty Senate as may be
deemed appropriate or as requested.

(ix.) Consider and grant such waivers of requirements of the University
Studies Program to petitioning students as warranted by unusual and
extenuating circumstances, upon recommendation of the Coordinator (see
UW Regulation 6-407, 4.b.).

c. Composition

The committee shall consist of 11 voting members. Members of the
University Studies Committee will include one academic personnel member
from each of the undergraduate colleges, and from the Libraries, one of the
non-college academic units (e.g., the American Heritage Center or Honors
Program), and the Outreach School, with the exception that the College of
Arts and Sciences shall have two representatives. A student designated by
the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming Senate
shall be a member with vote. Each college or group will elect their own
representatives, and these names will be forwarded to the Executive Committee
of the Faculty Senate for approval. Faculty representatives shall serve
staggered three-year terms. Ex officio members of the committee shall
include: the First Year Seminar Coordinator and the
Communications Coordinator; representatives from the offices of:
the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Registrar, the
Academic Planning Committee, the Deans’ Council, Academic
Advising, and the Wyoming community colleges. Ex officio
members do not have a vote. Vice presidents, deans, associate and
assistant deans, and directors shall not be eligible to serve on the committee.
A student designated by the Associated Students of the University of
Wyoming Senate shall be a member with vote, and the President, Provost and
Vice President for Academic Affairs, a representative from Student Affairs,
the Academic Planning Committee, the Dean’s Council, Academic Advising,
and the Wyoming community colleges shall be ex officio members without
vote.

The committee shall elect its chairperson. The Chair or his/her designee shall
serve as an ex officio member of the University Course Review Committee.
The University Studies coordinator shall serve as secretary of the committee
and maintain a record of the minutes of meetings. The Executive
Committee of the Faculty Senate shall fill temporary vacancies on the
University Studies Committee.

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