

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Wyoming Community College Commission Adopted Rules related to Applied Baccalaureate, Turpen, Hilaire, K.Moore

SESSION TYPE:

- ☐ Work Session
- ☒ Information Session
- ☐ Other
- ☐ [Committee of the Whole – Items for Approval]

APPLIES TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

- ☒ Yes (select below):
 - ☐ Institutional Excellence
 - ☒ Student Success
 - ☒ Service to the State
 - ☐ Financial Growth and Stability
- ☐ No [Regular Business]

☒ *Attachments are provided with the narrative.*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Wyoming Community College Commissioners formed a committee to discuss and consider the implications to statewide higher education if the number of Applied Baccalaureate (AB) degrees allowed to be offered at a Wyoming Community College was increased from two per college. This committee met over the course of several months, wrapping up in June 2024 with a set of recommendations that included removing the cap on the number of AB degrees each Community College could offer and suggested changes be adopted by the Wyoming Community College Commission (WCCC) rules that include formal, non-voting participation of the University of Wyoming in the process. These recommendations are not final as the executive branch may make suggestions during the rules review and approval process.

In this follow-up discussion, University leadership will provide an update on draft procedures for reviewing and submitting a response to proposed AB programs and upper division courses. As part of this effort, existing UW transfer policies, procedures, and criteria for evaluating courses and programs for transfer credit toward UW programs will be reviewed and revised as needed. In addition, a communication plan will be developed that addresses UW's policy for transferring credit that applies toward a UW program/degree.

PRIOR RELATED BOARD DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS:

In September 2024, the BOT was informed that Wyoming Community Colleges were proposing a rule change that would be made to the WCCC in October 2024 related to Applied Baccalaureate. UW Administration and the Trustees discussed this at the November 2024 meeting.

WHY THIS ITEM IS BEFORE THE BOARD:

University leadership will provide information about recruitment and marketing in response to questions posed by the Board in November 2024.

ACTION REQUIRED AT THIS BOARD MEETING:

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION:

N/A

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

N/A