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To All Concerned:

I am writing to try to resolve some of the remaining confusion about the implementation of the Foreign Language/Global Issues (FLGI) requirement, which goes into effect this year. Five points were brought to my attention, and I hope my comments will help.

Global Issues Credit for Courses Taken Elsewhere

The Council for International Education (CIE) closely examines courses before granting Global Issues (GI) designation. With no articulation mechanism in place for the GI designation, responsibility for evaluating transfer courses against the GI objectives would normally fall upon the department chairs. This was perceived by the Council and the Faculty Senate as both difficult and burdensome for chairs. In order to facilitate the implementation of the FLGI requirement, the Faculty Senate recommended that *for the 2011-2012 year only*, transfer courses articulated as General Education courses for which the GI designation had been approved will satisfy the GI requirement. Beginning with the 2012-2013 catalog, Global Issues courses must be taken at WIU.

Right To Appeal for Transfer GI Credit

Students who believe that a course taken elsewhere satisfies the GI requirement may appeal to the Council for International Education.

Short-Term Study Abroad Courses

Short-term Study Abroad courses do not automatically qualify for GI credit. When these courses are submitted to the Center for International Studies for approval, any course for which GI credit is desired must then go to the Council for International Education for GI approval.

Consistency Across Multiple Sections

Global Issues designation is given to a course, not to a particular section. It is the responsibility of each department or school to ensure that *all* sections of a GI course meet the GI objectives.

Departmental Options for Satisfying the FLGI Requirement

Departmental options are set for the 2011-2012 academic year. If departments or programs require changes to the FLGI options, changes should be submitted to the Faculty Senate office on the Departmental/Program Requirements for Foreign Language/Global Issues form. CIE will review the changes to departmental options and forward them to the Registrar's Office. The changes will go into effect in the following academic year.

I hope this information is helpful. It is always a challenge to roll out a new requirement. We appreciate your patience and your feedback as the Foreign Language/Global Issues requirement goes into effect.

Sincerely,

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