

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

**AGENDA ITEM: 6.E**

**DATE: July 26, 2010**

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**SUBJECT: EDC – Common Course Report**

This past year, the Education Discipline Council was asked to review the curriculum offered, paying particular attention to common and unique courses within the system. A few years ago faculty within the system spent a significant amount of time identifying a set of common courses that are the foundation of the single course catalog used by the system. Since this project was completed a few years ago, the Academic Affairs Council (AAC) suggested that it would make sense to have each of the discipline councils run through this again just to make sure courses remain aligned. As was done initially, the Council was asked to pay attention to prerequisites and other similar subtle variations that often times lead to unnecessary differentiation. In addition, the Council was asked to review masters level courses since a range of similar programs at this level are offered across the system.

Attached are the final recommendations made as a result of this review. The first two tabs of the worksheet represent the array of courses currently offered within the system; the remaining tabs break these out by course prefix and this set include the recommended changes.

There are instances in which the Council asks to have a new course created so that it may become a common course as well as a couple of instances in which they ask for a course to be created because it has been listed two – three times with the same prefix & number but with different course names and/or course descriptions. As a note, when a box includes a **red X**, it means that institution should now be included as offering that course. Finally, the group asks that the proposed changes be made from this set of tables rather than asking that each of these changes be requested on the indicated form. Recognizing that a few of these are complex, the Council did acknowledge that in some cases additional documentation may be needed and this will be provided.

All members of the Council are commended for the work they did on this. Dr. Judy Dittman, this year’s Council chair, deserves special commendation for leading and coordinating this effort.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

**Approve the Council Recommendations.**