

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

**AGENDA ITEM: 4 – L**

**DATE: October 5, 2016**

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**SUBJECT: General Education Revisions**

Following the August 2016 AAC meeting, a number of assignments were designated to the institutions to ensure that the necessary general education revisions were in place to allow for the Fall 2017 implementation. Establishing the membership for the General Education Council is necessary to allow some level of representation on the System Assessment Sub-committee working to develop the general education assessment guidelines. To date the following institutional representatives have been identified. In reviewing the disciplines covered, there appears to be strong representation in the curriculum areas for Goal #3 (Social Sciences), Goal #4 (Arts & Humanities), and Goal #6 (Sciences) has some level of coverage. However, Goal #1 (English/Writing), Goal #2 (Oral Communication), and Goal #5 (Mathematics). AAC should be prepared to assist in identifying potential representatives to cover these areas and determine whether two representatives per institution are necessary to allow the council to adequately function as intended.

***BHSU***

- Pam Carriveau (Education)
- Laura Colmenero-Chilberg (Sociology)

***DSU***

- Dale Droge (Biology)
- Viki Johnson (Sociology)

***NSU***

- Sara Schmidt (Accounting)
- April Hinze (Education)

***SDSM&T***

- Jonathan Gibson (Social Sciences)
- Matthew (King) Adkins (Humanities)

***SDSU***

***USD***

- Kurt Hackemer (History)
- Rob Turner (Modern Languages and Linguistics)

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Discussion & Recommendation.

Second, campuses were asked to identify their campus distributions for the 12 and 6 credit hours of flexibility. Dr. Turman received those for two institutions as curriculum committees undertake these discussions at the beginning of the academic year at other campuses. As a reference, below you will find the current allocation being recommended at SDSM&T. Two issues have emerged that warrant some discussion. First the impact that increasing the AS requirements from 18 to 24 will have on the 60 credit hour threshold in place by the Board, and the option for allowing some level of student flexibility in picking the additional 6 credit hours. AAC representatives should be prepared to discuss and make a recommendation for moving these issues forward.

#### Bachelor's Degree Requirements

Goal 1—six credits

Goal 2—three credits

Goal 3—six credits (from two different disciplinary prefixes)

Goal 4—six credits (from two different disciplinary prefixes)

Goal 5—three credits

Goal 6—six credits

#### Associate Degree Requirements

Goal 1—six credits

Goal 2—three credits

Goal 3—three credits

Goal 4—three credits

Goal 5—six credits

Goal 6—three credits