

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 6 – B

DATE: October 6, 2020

SUBJECT

WICHE Update – BOR Banner Passport Program

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[BOR Policy 1:16](#) – Interstate Tuition Agreements

[BOR Policy 2:5](#) – Transfer of Credit

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The South Dakota Board of Regents has established agreements/contracts between the BOR and states either individually or on a regional basis. This is intended to provide a “means by which South Dakota residents may be assisted to carry on or to complete fields of study” (SDCL §13-49-20). One organization that South Dakota has partnered with is The Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE). This is a nonprofit organization established through an interstate compact adopted by 15 states. South Dakota joined in 1988 as an affiliate state. This past August (2020) the Memorandum of Understandings for WUE and WGRP were updated and completed. In December of 2016, the Passport agreement was completed.

The work in Banner will be a 2-part process.

Part 1: Students Enrolled in SDBOR/University Courses

1. The previous agreed upon block requirements will be utilized in Banner.
2. Trudy Zalud will place attributes on the sections that meet the learning outcome requirements (completed in Banner).
 - a. Written Communication
 - b. Oral Communication
 - c. Human Society
 - d. Critical Thinking
 - e. Creative Expression
 - f. Human Cultures
 - g. Quantitative Literacy
 - h. Natural Sciences
 - i. Teamwork

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INFORMATIONAL ITEM

3. RIS has created the Cognos to identify by term each student that has successfully completed the section/course requirements. As a reminder, no course can be utilized twice across the outcome requirements. The total number of minimum credits will be 30.
4. This will be a Cognos report that the registrar staff can utilize to validate the passport requirements.
5. This report will then process those students through to Banner by documenting in both the Event and the Transcript Comments.
 - a. The Banner Event – Will be placeholder for a PPT Completion Code used by Institutional Reporting staff or others documenting students for completion. This will also be used as the source to submit to WICHE.
 - b. The Banner Comment – This will be used to place a comment on the student's transcript for the term for which the student earned the WICHE Passport. 'Completion of WICHE Passport'.
6. This process will be completed by ESC during the End of Term Processing. There will be a window of time identified for campus review of the report prior to the ESC process completed in Update to Banner.

For the terms 201950 (summer), 201980 (fall), 202010 (spring), and 202050 (summer), a process will run to 'catch' those terms up by term. In addition, for those that came over from Colleague in a pseudo course, those students will be inserted only with an Event code in the Banner table allowing institutional research staff to report on past and present passport completions.

Part 2: Transfer Students with Passport (National Clearinghouse Reporting Data)

1. This is currently a work in progress.
2. Wendy Caveny will be assisting in reviewing National Clearinghouse Reporting data system to identify how we can pull this Passport completion.
3. Once that has been identified, then students that are transferred into Board of Regents with completed passports will be inserted as a Student Attribute.
4. RIS has created a student attribute loader process, that ESC could utilize to load by Effective Date students who completed the Passport.
5. Campuses will also be able to manually load the student attribute upon transfer review work.
6. The timing of this automated load has not been reviewed.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item for the AAVPs.

ATTACHMENTS

None