



The UW system's efforts to push through a universal general education curriculum is a clear violation of the faculty's obligation and duty to develop the curriculum on their respective campuses. It is also not legally necessary under Act 15, which only obligates individual campuses to accept the transfer of general education credits. The higher education council of AFT-Wisconsin drafted this faculty senate resolution, and we encourage the faculty senate of every campus to pass this resolution as swiftly as possible to demonstrate the widespread opposition to this obvious overreach from UW system. Please contact AFT-Wisconsin President Jon Shelton with any questions: shelton@aft-wisconsin.org.

A Resolution to Protect the Integrity of Faculty Control over the Curriculum

Whereas Act 15 states that the “board shall establish policies for the appropriate transfer of credits between institutions within the system, including postsecondary credits earned by a high school pupil enrolled in a course at an institution within the system under the program...”

Whereas according to the UW System Administration, students transferring from one UW school to another UW school wishing to transfer general education credits **comprise only 2%** of the over 160,000 students enrolled in the UW System;

Whereas the proposal recently offered by the UW System Administration goes far beyond the requirements of the language in Act 15 by creating an entirely new, standardized, general education program;

Whereas this new program was created by System administrators and consultants without any consultation from faculty ;

Whereas current UW policy places development and oversight of the curriculum with the individual campuses, and best practices dictate that the faculty have the most relevant knowledge and expertise to develop the curricula offered at their respective campuses;

Whereas UW System Administrative Policy 135 already dictates that a course designated as fulfilling a general education/breadth requirement at one UW university should transfer as general education/breadth at the receiving UW university;

Whereas Chapter 36 of state law clearly states “the chancellors of the institutions in



consultation with their faculties shall be responsible for designing curricula and setting degree requirements,” which makes curriculum design and oversight the exclusive responsibility of the individual campuses;

Be it therefore resolved that this Faculty Senate, as it is our statutory right under Chapter 36 to our “primary responsibility” for advising administration on “academic and educational activities,” rejects any efforts by UW system to dictate the general education curriculum on our campus.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Regents should not adopt any proposed regent policy from UW system administration that needlessly curtails campus leadership from determining their own curriculum;

And be it finally resolved that the Board of Regents should adopt the following policy pursuant to Act 15: “To accommodate students transferring within the UW System, the faculty senate of each institution will draft a policy to ensure that all general education credits from one UW institution will be accepted at their institution as general education credits.”