

Faculty Senate Action Item

Date: 18 January 2009

Number: 09-02

Subject: Revision of the catalog language on repetition of courses

Description: The revision will allow the VPAA's office to grant permission to retake courses in which the grade received was a C when special circumstances exist to justify such action. The following revises the catalog language on repetition of courses (p. 59 of the current catalog) accordingly, with the proposed added language underlined.

REPETITION OF COURSES

Undergraduate courses in which the student receives a D or an F may be repeated. When special circumstances exist to justify repeating a course for which a student receives a C, the student may appeal to the VPAA's office to permit that course to be repeated. The transcript will contain a complete record of all courses taken and grades earned. [etc.; no changes in the rest of the language is proposed.]

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE.

REQUESTED ACTION: Faculty Senate approval and recommendation to the General Faculty

Date: Jan. 18, 2009

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FS President (see attached)

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Subject: Course Repeating Policy

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Hello, my name is Will Ediger. I am an actuarial science major here at Washburn. I have somewhat of a dilemma on my hands.

To become an actuary, one has to pass rigorous exams as well as complete VEE (Verification by Educational Experience) credits on topics covering Economics, Business Finance, and Statistics. To get VEE credits, you take classes at schools that are accredited by the Society of Actuaries. One of the stipulations for the classes to count as VEE credits is that you have to get a grade of a B or higher in the class. This is where my problem arises. One of the classes that makes up the Statistics portion of the VEE credits is Regression Analysis. I took it two years ago here at Washburn and received a C in the course. At that time, neither me nor my adviser knew that the requirement for the VEE credit was a B or higher in the class.

I have looked into taking the class over again, and I have hit a brick wall. The person who makes the decision on whether or not I can retake the class, Nancy Tate, has said that it is not possible for me to retake the class. She told my adviser that the only way that I could retake the class was if the faculty senate would rewrite the policy to allow the exception.

If I am unable to retake Regression Analysis, I will be unable to become a full fledged actuary until I find another college that is accredited by the Society of Actuaries and offers the class. Needless to say, this will be difficult to do because I will be graduating in Spring 2010, and finding a school close to wherever my job will be that offers Regression analysis will be difficult.

I implore you to feel my predicament.

Thank you for your time.

Will Ediger