Procedure for finalized conversion of GE into UCC

Rationale: The UCC was implemented in the fall of 2011. These core requirements were approved by the faculty senate and the administration after lengthy debate. One major reason the new program was more attractive was that it streamlined the core. As the number of GE students narrows, it is believed that they should be afforded the same opportunity, and that a consistent requirement would hasten degree completion time.

There is precedent for changing requirements later. When we went to a 120 credit graduation requirement, we later moved former 128 credit students to the newer 120 credit requirement.

This proposal will not add any additional requirements for GE students but would reduce the requirements to make them more consistent with UCC students. Simply, in cases where these minimum requirements have been met, students will be allowed to have additional requirements waived.

Procedure: The following waivers will be approved by the Registrar.

- 3 credits of the approved A&C courses – down from 6 credits
- 3 credits of History/ Historical perspectives – down from 6 credits
- 4 credits of science w/lab – down from 8 credits
- 6 credits of social science courses – down from 9 credits

This procedure applies only to students who started at William Paterson University prior to Fall 2011 and who have continued at the university from the initial start date. This does not apply to readmitted students. Students who took a medical leave of absence of two semesters or less ARE covered by this procedure.

This procedure is effective Monday, May 11, 2015.

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