

University Experience (UE) 100 Update --> Proposal recommends reductions from 3 “student credit hours” (SCH) to 1 (SCH)

IMPLICATIONS:

Assists in attainment of 120 hours
FLSA constraints on faculty availability
Evidence on effectiveness of orientation and other models
Reduction supported widely by faculty
Presents a wonderful opportunity for a shared governance resolution of a challenge

Challenge - reduces number of core hours to below the minimum to meet MDHE Gen Ed requirements

Course may no longer meet criteria for Gen Ed inclusion at all

Global Common Reader needs to find a new academic home

Warrants reconsideration of General Education structure

Academic Committee Updates

Writing Program Committee / results on writing plans to be examined this year and recruiting for internal program coordinator

Promotion and Tenure Committees / discussing possible merger proposal

Assessment Committee / actively reviewing biannual assessment reports

Graduate Council / continuing to build the foundation for graduate program expansion

Sabbatical Committee / reviewing applications for next year

Academic Program Review / Criminal Justice (CAPS deferred) and MDHE Review of Music Industry

Domestic Study Trips - The International and Domestic Grants Committee supported the Student Domestic Trip application for a \$4,000 grant from Dr. Karen Plucinski and Dr. Jason Willand to take students to the Mojave and Sonoran Deserts from Nov. 19-28.

Supported Study Abroad Trips for Summer 2017

- Ruben Galve Rivera: Summer Abroad in Sevilla, Spain
- Frank Pishkur: Art of Korea
- Kyle McKenzie: Summer in Sweden
- Chris Moos and Nii Abrahams: Business trip to Ukraine and Germany
- Rebecca Mouser and Amy Gates: Medieval Pilgrimage to England
- Vickie Roettger and Scott Wells: *Roots of Science in England*
- Bill Fischer: *Cuban History & Society*

“Yours to Lose” and UMKC Dental School Satellite Updates

Faculty Recruiting / Over 20 active faculty searches