Motion to Expedite Approval of Official Detailed Course Descriptions for Courses Receiving Core Credit
Referred by the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee

Motion:

Official Detailed Course Descriptions approved by the Core Curriculum Advisory Committee may be forwarded to the Faculty Senate President for his or her signature upon verification by the chair of the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee that the only changes are the replacement of old learning outcomes with those learning outcomes approved by the Faculty Senate in the spring and fall of 2014.

The Faculty Senate President will inform the Secretary of any Official Detailed Course Descriptions so approved, and the Secretary will record that information under Motions on the Faculty Senate website.

This authorization will expire at the conclusion of the 2014-2015 academic year.

Rationale:

The Faculty Senate has approved revised Core Curriculum learning outcomes, and this information has been forwarded to the departments so that those wishing to continue offering courses for Core credit may make the necessary changes to Official Detailed Course Descriptions. If the only change to an Official Detailed Course Description is the replacement of the learning outcomes, then it would seem unnecessary for the Course Description to be voted on by either the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee or the Faculty Senate.

Moreover, given the number of syllabi that the Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Senate would have to vote on in the coming months, it would seem desirable to avoid a “legislative logjam” by authorizing the Faculty Senate President to sign on behalf of the Senate in those cases where the only changes are the adoption of already-approved language.