

## **AGC Decision Form**

This form is to be used when the Academic Governing Council makes a decision on an issue. This form is sent to the Provost.

### **Graduation Requirements 7.20: Wellness Cap**

#### **Decision**

On December 11, 2018, the AGC membership approved a revision to policy 7.20 as follows:

- Removal of the last statement in the policy:
  - "A maximum of two Wellness credits may be applied toward graduation unless they are specified as a program requirement."

#### **Sponsor/Champion of Proposed Policy**

Co-Chairs: Jodi Gee (Associate Professor Exercise Science) and Sheila Jones (Dean of Instructional Support)

Team members: Steve Abid (Economics Professor), Julie Bera (Dental Faculty) Erin Busscher (Assistant Professor/Academic Advisor), Kevin Dobreff (Music Department Program Director), Evan Macklin (Coordinator of Student Orientation)

#### **Rationale**

- November 2015: AGC approved policy, which removed Wellness credit requirement as a graduation requirement and retained limit of two Wellness credits.
- April 2018: an AGC Issue Paper was voted on to consider the issue based on limitations it places on students and the lack of limit in the Graduation Requirements policy on any other College course.

#### **Supporting Data**

- Several Michigan community colleges were reviewed to see if there was a cap on any type of course in their graduation requirements. The results were that no other colleges have a cap.
- Presented the policy and sought feedback from AGC members at October 9, 2018, and November 13, 2018, meetings.

#### **Implications for Action**

- The Policy Review Team recommended immediate implementation of this revision due to the cap's negative impact to students.
- The cap is enforced through processes in the Records Office and there is minimal action necessary for the removal of the cap, therefore, the ideal timeframe for this revision's effective date is by the Winter 2019 graduation date.

- The decision to remove the cap will need to be communicated to several stakeholders at the College. The Provost will communicate the appropriate information to the Deans' Council distribution list for dissemination to Academic and Student Affairs faculty and staff.

### **Date of Decision by AGC**

December 11, 2018

Vote: 92% approved, 7% against, 2% abstained

Revised policy approved.

### **Section to be completed by the Provost**

#### **Evaluation Plan**

The next formal review of the Graduation Requirements Policy by the AGC will occur during the 2021-22 academic year.

#### **Response from Provost**

I support this decision.

This policy will become effective on March 1, 2019, in time for Winter 2019 graduation.

*Harriet Chesley 6-14-19*