University Board of Undergraduate Studies  
Wed, Dec 6, 1-2:30 PM in Zilber 470  
Minutes

In attendance: Su, Slattery, Burant, Dombrowski, Frederick, Pasero, Hathaway, D’Urso, Syam, Hathaway  
Recorder: Hathaway

Guests: Vicki Trautschold and Georgia McRae, Office of the Registrar

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: Minutes from 10/4/17 were amended (correction of minor typos) and approved.

Agenda:
1. Discussion of 100-level Technical Course from Wisconsin Technical College System: should MU evaluate all of these for consideration for transfer?

Context:
- Request generated by Admissions, based on practices of UW schools.
- State mandated that all 4-year UW schools review and try to accept 100-level courses from Wisconsin Technical Colleges.
- Committee reviewed UW comparison chart.
- Most schools accept 100-level courses only as electives because of the lack of equivalent technical content (e.g. auto-repair).
- Some schools create an articulation agreement defining three 100-level courses as equivalent to 1 University course. The College of Engineering has such an agreement with Gateway Technical College.

Discussion:
- There is a formal process by which articulation agreements are created and reviewed at MU.
- Registrar McRae pointed out that new transfer policy dictates that only students transferring into MU with AA and AS degrees will get elective credit for 200 level courses. She stated that in the 1990s, a policy existed in which 15 credits of 100 level courses could be accepted IF the person had earned the AA and AS degree.
- Several members of the committee expressed concern that the content of these courses, as pre-college level, do not sufficiently prepare students for MU rigor; acceptance of them as transfer credits could misrepresent that to them.
- Registrar McRae suggested that there are a large number of 800-level courses that do compare, in content and rigor, to MU courses. Limitation of review of technical college courses to these might be most practical in terms of time and labor required.
• Student representative noted that, as a transfer from Georgetown to MU’s College of Business Administration, this issue would not apply to her, nor would it to many of her peers.

Vote:
• Motion was made and seconded that:
  For next year, UBUS endorses the recommendation that 800-level courses will be passed on to departments for transfer evaluation, using the TES system. The Office of the Registrar will report progress and utility of this plan to UBUS after a year.

• Motion was unanimously approved.

Adjourment: Meeting was adjourned.