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Subject: Request from the Baccore Committee to the Curriculum Council

Professors McKiel and Swift,

I am writing in my capacity as a member of the Baccore Committee. We recently reviewed a proposal for a new Writing course for four (4) credits but only meets for three (3) contact hours. The committee was reticent to approve this course as the fourth contact hour is, according to the syllabus, simply additional work assigned outside of class. The Baccore Committee had two main reservations. First, we did not think that the additional outside work was equivalent to an additional hour of professorial instruction and therefore the students in this course are paying for four credits and only receiving three. Second, the committee thought that allowing one unit to teach baccore courses that earn four (4) credits but only meet for three (3) raises a significant equity issue for others teaching four (4) credit courses in the core. It is our understanding that the School of Writing, Literature and Film was granted an exception for this course design by the Curriculum Council some time ago due to the lack of classroom space available when they moved their courses from three (3) to four (4) credits. Since that time, several new buildings/classrooms have become available including ones in the LINC, Strand Ag and Bexell. Therefore, the Baccore Committee is requesting that the Curriculum Council review classroom availability to determine if the exception granted to Writing courses is still required.

Thank you,

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