Via Email

June 29, 2011

To: Elaine Klein, Chair of the Undergraduate General Education Committee

From: Paul M. DeLuca Jr., Provost

RE: Annual Report of the UGEC to the UAPC and Associated Policy Decision

I am writing to provide notice that the University Academic Planning Council has approved the UGEC recommendation to implement a campus-wide policy that only courses taken on a graded basis may be used to satisfy the General Education Requirements (Quantitative Reasoning, Communications, and Ethnic Studies requirements), effective Fall 2012.

As described in the UGEC annual report to the UAPC (dated March 24, 2011) and a supplemental report (dated May 31, 2011) we appreciate that thorough deliberations were associated with the development of this policy. This policy is consistent with widely held faculty expectations given that all of the schools and colleges with undergraduate programs have policies that require general education requirements be taken on a graded basis. Several schools/colleges stipulate that all courses that fulfill degree requirements be taken on a graded basis and only allow pass/fail grading basis only for electives. For future reference, the full UGEC report and the supplemental report are posted at http://www.apa.wisc.edu/UAPC/201011/June/index.html.

I know that you and your colleagues on the UGEC are already preparing to implement this policy. We look forward to a progress report in next year’s UGEC report. Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Thank you and the UGEC members for your attention to these elements of a high-quality learning experience for UW-Madison undergraduates.

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