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GAC #08-05 – Undergraduate Curriculum Supplemental Report

Source of Proposal: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Purpose of Proposal: For Information

Current Policy or Procedure:

Proposed Policy or Procedure: See attached report.

GAC Summary: This proposal was submitted electronically to the Committee and no opposition was raised. Therefore, this proposal will be forwarded to the President for informational purposes.

Presidential Action: This proposal was signed by the President on February 2, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie McDonald
Secretary

**SUPPLEMENTAL
UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT**

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Missouri Western State University
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**SUPPLEMENTAL
UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT
Detailed Summary of Supplemental Primary Proposed Undergraduate Curriculum Changes:
2008/2009
Missouri Western State University**

The following is the description and justification of the additional proposal item passed by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. Full proposal can be assessed from the UGCC folder on the network drive (O:\UGCC\2008_2009). A digital copy of all primary proposals will be archived on the University's network drive and in the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES						
Criminal Justice & Legal Studies						
1 item	(#2) Law Enforcement Academy Academic Credit and A.S./B.S. Degree Options			DHE	GS	
Proposal #2	Brief Description	<p>Students who complete the POL curriculum presently receive six credit hours of Continuing Education credit and are given 12 credit hours of course substitutions from the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies if they decide to continue their education at Missouri Western. This proposal institutionalizes the POL credit so that the department awards all 18 credit hours for completion of the POL curriculum, which involves 940 contact hours.</p> <p>The 18 hours of POL credit will count directly toward either an A.S. in Criminal Justice, or a B.S. in Criminal Justice with either a concentration in Administration or in Law Enforcement.</p> <p>The A.S. in Criminal Justice will be modified so that it will more closely track with the B.S. in Criminal Justice. The course changes to the A.S. will bring its core in line with the B.S. core. It will also move 6 credit hours from the A.S. core to the A.S. restricted electives. This gives students more choice in how to complete their degree. Students who complete the A.S. will receive more of the core courses needed for all Criminal Justice professionals. This gives them more options in what Criminal Justice Concentration they choose without having to take additional credit. Students completing an A.S. will also be better able to go on to earn a B.S., having earned many of the B.S. core courses needed for a degree.</p>			NO	NO
	Brief Justification:	<p>These changes are needed so that the academic credit awarded to students completing the Law Enforcement Academy is more closely tied to the curriculum and Missouri Western's Criminal Justice degree programs. These changes will more clearly show how this credit will lead toward the Criminal Justice A.S. and B.S. degrees.</p> <p>In addition, bringing the A.S. and B.S. degrees more closely in line with each other and creating the POL courses clarifies for the student how their LEA credit will lead to a degree, improving the possibility of degree completion by the student and future recruitment efforts.</p> <p>Most importantly, these changes also make it so Law Enforcement Academy students may continue to be eligible for federal financial aid. Without such aid, the Law Enforcement Academy will not attract enough students to continue. Similar programs exist at other institutions across the nation and in Missouri, including Missouri State University, Missouri Southern State University, and the University of Central Missouri. However, this will be the only such program in our service area.</p>				