GAC #14-01 – Meningitis Immunization Policy

Source of Proposal: Student Affairs

Purpose of Proposal: New Policy/Procedure

Current Policy or Procedure: None

Proposed Policy or Procedure: Effective Fall 2015

Purpose:
College students, especially first-year college students living in residence halls, are at a slightly increased risk for meningococcal disease compared with other persons of the same age. This policy is in compliance with Senate Bill Number 748, 2014 and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention recommendations and will take effect beginning fall 2015.

Definitions:
Matriculation: Admission at MWSU

Policy:
1. Upon matriculation at Missouri Western State University, all students who plan to reside in on-campus housing must have received the meningococcal conjugate vaccine unless a signed statement of medical or religious exemption is on file with the Esry Student Health Center.
   a. A student shall be exempted from the immunization requirement upon signed certification by a doctor licensed under chapter 334, indicating that either the immunization would seriously endanger the student’s health or life or the
student has documentation of disease or laboratory evidence of immunity to the disease.

b. A student shall be exempted from the immunization requirement if s/he objects in writing to the institution’s administration that immunization violates his or her religious beliefs.

2. The meningococcal vaccine may be provided by a student’s personal physician, or it may be administered in the Student Health Center. The cost of the vaccination is the student’s responsibility.
   a. Missouri Western considers a vaccine received within 5 years before matriculation as valid.
   
   i. If this vaccine was administered before the student’s 16th birthday, a booster dose is recommended before residing on campus.
   
   b. Students must be revaccinated every five years with the meningococcal vaccine for it to be effective. It is each individual student’s responsibility to ensure their vaccinations are up-to-date.

3. All immunization information will be collected by or may be sent to Residence Life, & / or the Esry Student Health Center staff, who will submit them to the Esry Student Health Center personnel for review.

4. No student shall be allowed to move into on-campus housing until proof of the immunization has been received.
   a. Failure of students to complete the meningitis immunization will result in a notification sent to the student via official MWSU email accounts, and a hold placed on their enrollment until the immunization has been completed. The student may not live in the residence halls until the immunization is complete, and will not be permitted to maintain enrollment in the subsequent semester. As a contracted residential student, all on-campus housing charges will apply, even if the student is unable to move in due to his or her non-compliance.

5. In the case of a confirmed meningitis case, the University will follow the contagious / communicable disease policy.

Resources: CDC, Community Settings as a Risk Factor, http://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/about/risk-community.html
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GAC Summary: Under “Policy, 1.a.,” it was recommended that the last part of the sentence should read “physician’s documentation of disease” as clarification of the type of documentation acceptable.

For number 4 and in 4.a., it was recommended that “or an exemption” be added following “proof of the immunization.” With these changes, the proposal will be forwarded to the President for his approval.

Presidential Action: This proposal was signed by the President on September 23, 2014.
GAC #14-02 – General Studies Proposal, MAT 165

Source of Proposal: General Studies Committee

Purpose of Proposal: Procedure Revision

Current Policy or Procedure: MWSU Catalog, all Major/Minor Forms

Page 46 of the Undergraduate Catalog, under General Studies Requirements for Bachelor Degrees (Category One) and all Major/Minor Forms:

Category One – Basic Skills 12-14
1. MAT 110 or MAT 112 or MAT 116 or MAT 130 or MAT 137
   Or MAT 147 or MAT 167
2. ENG 104 College Writing and Rhetoric (3) AND
   ENG 108 College Writing and Research (3) OR
   ENG 112 Honors Composition and Rhetoric (3)
3. COM 104 Oral Communication (3)

Proposed Policy or Procedure:

Add MAT 165 Calculus with Analytic Geometry I: Differentiation to Category One – Basic Skills, Line 1 so that it reads:

Page 46 of the Undergraduate Catalog, under General Studies Requirements for Bachelor Degrees (Category One) and all Major/Minor Forms:

Category One – Basic Skills 12-14
1. MAT 110 or MAT 112 or MAT 116 or MAT 130 or MAT 137
   Or MAT 147 or MAT 165 or MAT 167
2. ENG 104 College Writing and Rhetoric (3) AND
   ENG 108 College Writing and Research (3) OR
   ENG 112 Honors Composition and Rhetoric (3)
3. COM 104 Oral Communication (3)

GAC Summary: It was noted that under Category one, number 1, MAT 130 should be removed from the catalog as it is a course that is no longer offered. With this change, this proposal will be forwarded to the President for his approval.

Presidential Action: This proposal was signed by the President on September 23, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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