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Requested Extension for Temporary Hiatus on DV Designation

3-25-2021

The General Education Improvement and Assessment Committee (GEIAC) is requesting that the Faculty Senate pass a resolution to extend the temporary hiatus on submissions of General Education courses seeking a new Diversity (DV) designation, to remain in place through fall semester 2021. This is one additional semester to the original hiatus we received for spring 2021. Once the hiatus ends, faculty would be able to submit their course proposals for the DV designation as of spring 2022, which would add the course to the curriculum for the following calendar year (AY 2022-23).

It is difficult, if not impossible, to work toward revising the current DV outcomes while also reviewing courses that are seeking a new DV designation. We have made significant progress in revising the current DV outcomes and are actively in the process of vetting these changes among campus stakeholders. We anticipate this work will be completed in summer 2021. We intend to submit a proposal for approving those changes with the University Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Senate in fall 2021. Rather than have courses arrive that would immediately need to rethink their structure to accommodate the new outcomes, it would be better to pause these submissions for the next semester while GEIAC, UCC, and the Faculty Senate complete their work. Extending the current semester-long hiatus from new DV proposals through fall semester will be more efficient for faculty seeking to include Diversity topics in their courses.

Since we are in the final stages of completing our work on this revision, we have every confidence our proposal will be ready for the Senate's review in fall 2021. Courses could once again seek approval for their DV designation by spring semester 2022.

Sincerely,
GEIAC Committee (Spring 2021)
Chair, Molly Sween