Academic Governing Council
Decision Form

This form is to be used when the Academic Governing Council makes a decision on an issue. This form is sent to the Provost.

Decision:

The AGC voted to approve the following policy on College-Generated Graduation.

_Students will automatically be awarded the degrees and certificates that they earn at GRCC. Students will have the opportunity to decline these credentials._

Rationale:

Students may not realize that they qualify for a degree or certificate and hence do not initiate a graduation audit themselves.

Supporting Data:

An automatic audit pilot was conducted in the School of Workforce Development that found students who were qualified to receive a degree or certificate but had not initiated the process. When given this information, most students choose to receive their degrees or certificates.

Implications for Action:

Credentials are good for students. Advanced degrees are motivating and contribute to an improved quality of life. It is also beneficial for the College to recognize student achievement to show that it does help students complete their goal.

Evaluation Plan:

This academic policy should be reviewed again in Fall 2017 with yearly written update reports to AGC in September 2014, 2015, and 2016.

Date of Decision by AGC:

February 12, 2013

Response from Provost:

The Provost endorses this policy on College-Generated Graduation as approved by the AGC effective Winter 2014.