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 development of a class for our lowest-level readers, a six-credit class to be paired with PY 097 and CO 003.

Rationale:

Originally, the group that brought this final recommendation to the AGC was asking the council to consider several alternatives for dealing with our lowest-level readers (develop a class for them, do nothing differently, or not accept them into college and refer them to community services). Ultimately, only one of these options would have been a policy decision, and so the final decision of AGC was really not one it had to make; any department can elect to create a new course and follow existing procedures to do so.

Supporting Data:

A number of nationally recognized scholars of developmental education were cited, and other models for dealing with lower-level readers were considered.

Implications for Action:

We will be devoting additional resources of time and money to this tremendously at-risk population. However, as was noted, there are no available community resources to serve them, and to do nothing to try to assist them to be successful seems untenable.

Evaluation Plan:

No evaluation plan is needed. If the course is developed, it will be evaluated throughout the New Course Approval Process. If the course is approved, then it will be regularly reviewed as part of the CARP and Program Review processes.

Date of Decision by AGC:

January 10, 2012

Response from Provost:

The Provost endorses this decision by the AGC.