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 Maximum Student Credit Hour Load Per Semester:
Students who want to enroll in more than 18 credit hours in a semester must get permission from the appropriate Associate Dean.*

*Appropriate Associate Dean is the AD for Faculty Evaluation and Hiring in the School which houses the student’s program or the course which takes the student over 18 credits.

Rationale:

Until now, this had been GRCC’s practice. Now, due to HLC Assumed Practices, we need to adopt a formal policy.

Supporting Data:

Benchmarking with other Michigan community colleges shows that the most common maximum number of credits a student is allowed to take in a semester is 18. Internal student success data shows that when we make an exception to the 18 credits, the vast majority of the time, the students who are allowed to make the exception are still successful (earn a passing grade).

Implications for Action:

GRCC will now be in compliance with this HLC Assumed Practice: “The institution adheres to policies on student academic load per term that reflect reasonable expectations for successful learning and course completion.”

Evaluation Plan:

This academic policy should be reviewed again in 2014-2015.

Date of Decision by AGC:

April 10, 2012

Response from Provost: 5.8.12

The Provost endorses the policy on Maximum Student Credit Hour Load Per Semester as approved by the AGC effective Summer 2012.