

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 Mandatory First Year Experience (FYE) policy:

Beginning Winter 2014, students new to GRCC who are enrolled in a degree seeking program and have a high school GPA of less than 3.0 are required to complete a college learning success course, CLS 100 (Introduction to College: New Student Experience). [Students placing into two or more developmental courses are required to enroll in PY097]

Students have the option of attempting a CLS 100 Challenge Exam. Passing this exam will exempt a student from the course.

Students must complete the course requirement their first semester of classes taken at GRCC.

A degree-seeking student who has already successfully completed 12 or more credits of college-level courses at GRCC, another college or university or has received GRCC transfer credit for these courses will not be required to complete CLS 100.

Rationale:

Traditionally, community colleges attract a diverse population of students, entering their first year with a wide range of experiences and backgrounds. Many of these students will benefit from help to prepare them for the academic rigor of college, the social adjustments, and personal challenges associated with higher education.

Supporting Data:

Current CLS 100 students were not required to enroll in this course. Consequently, their higher achievement than the non-CLS 100 population cannot definitively be attributed to CLS 100; however it does suggest a potential benefit for many other students. Further, there is a growing trend in higher education to provide first year experiences for incoming students.

Implications for Action:

The expansion of CLS 100 will require more organizational structure to accommodate the increase in faculty and resources to accommodate the growth. The influx of new

instructors and ideas will stimulate even more growth in first year experiences here at GRCC.

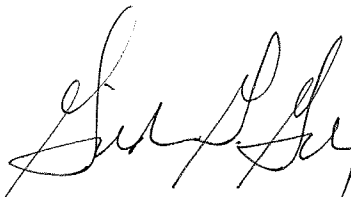
Evaluation Plan:

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:



March 2013

The Provost endorses this policy on Mandatory First Year Experience as approved by the AGC effective Winter 2014.