



Committee RECOMMENDATION FORM

Academic Affairs

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College Affairs

Recommendation:

The proposal is to add a drop date (without grade responsibility) for College Now that aligns with COCC practice. College Now has worked with the Director of Admissions and Records to develop a drop policy that sets drop dates at 70% of the high school grading period for College Now students. The date for dropping with a "W" would remain the same.

Rationale:

The potential impact on students should be positive. College Now students who decide they do not want to earn college credit for a course after registration will have a drop option that would not involve grade responsibility. Even though relatively few students drop with a "W" or earn an "F", we anticipate that this additional drop option should lead to fewer "W" and "F" grades. Students will be contacted via email, their high school teachers, and the College Now High School Liaison about the new drop date.

History:

College Now is a credit program in which high school students earn COCC credit for courses articulated by qualified, COCC-approved high school teachers at the high school during the regular school day. The courses are articulated with high school classes, and the high schools all run on slightly different calendars. The majority of high schools are on semester schedules with a few on trimester schedules. None of the high schools run on a calendar exactly like COCC's. The goal in College Now is to replicate college processes as closely as possible for the high school students, which is challenging with calendars that do not align well to COCC's.

One area in which College Now has not been able to replicate COCC processes in the past is around drop dates. The policy has been to use the "W" grade for withdrawals for College Now students. The "W" date has been the Wednesday before the last week of the high school grading period to align with COCC practice. Students have not had the option of dropping without grade responsibility.

Timeline for Implementation:

Once approved, College Now would pilot this new drop date for fall term, and return to the committee with results in winter term for formal approval to continue with implementation.

Submitted by: _____

/s/ Chair, Academic Affairs

Date: _____

10/23/15

Action taken by the President: _____

Approved

Denied

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Comments:

/s/ President, COCC

Date: _____

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