To: Faculty Senate  
From: Mary Wack, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education  
Date: March 17, 2017  
Subject: Updated “Statement of Institutional Responsibility to Current Students When an Academic Program or Degree is Discontinued”

The regional accreditor for WSU, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, has recently (2017) updated its policy on “Substantive Change.” The updates have drawn our attention to the fact that WSU’s teach-out policy (EPPM Statement of Institutional Responsibility to Current Students etc.) has not been substantially updated since 1983.

The updates reflect the addition of graduate and professional students to the policy; references to current Academic Regulations; more precision regarding the timelines for action; and distinction among undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees in this regard (i.e., timelines).

The attached updated policy has been reviewed by the Provost’s Office, the Graduate School, the deans and vice chancellors, the associate deans, and the Registrar’s Office.

We are forwarding this policy for the Senate’s consideration and approval, prior to its incorporation into the new Educational Policies and Procedures Manual. Thank you.