MEMORANDUM

TO: Sheila Converse, Executive Secretary
    Faculty Senate

FROM: Becky Bitter, Registrar’s Office

FOR: Academic Affairs Committee

DATE: 25 March 2015

SUBJECT: Proposal to Revise Rule 6, Transfer Credit

At its meeting on March 24, 2015, AAC approved the following revision to Rule 6. The suggested changes are supported by the Office of Admissions and the Provost’s Office.

6. TRANSFER CREDIT

a. Colleges and universities must be regionally accredited for transfer credit to be awarded.

b. Ninety semester hours shall be the maximum allowed by transfer toward a baccalaureate four-year degree, and 120 semester hours shall be the maximum amount allowed by transfer toward a five-year degree.

c. The maximum combined lower-division transfer credit allowed from regionally accredited institutions, CLEP (College Level Examination Program), AP (Advanced Placement), IB (International Baccalaureate), Cambridge International, and military credit, and any other source shall be 73 semester credit hours toward a baccalaureate degree irrespective of when those hours were earned.

d. Two full years of credit and Junior status, 60 semester credit hours, and completion of lower-division University Common Requirements (UCOREs) normally will be granted to students who have been awarded the Direct Transfer Associate (DTA) degree from a Washington community college.

Additional courses, up to the 73 semester hour limit, will be reviewed for transfer on a course-by-course basis. The Associate of Arts—Oregon Transfer degree (AAOT) degree from an Oregon community college guarantees completion of the lower-division University Common Requirements (UCOREs), but does not guarantee junior status standing or 60 semester credit hours. Certain approved Associate’s associate degrees from Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Idaho may also be considered to have fulfilled the lower-division University Common Requirements (UCOREs) for graduation, but do not guarantee junior status. For details on specific degrees consult the Office of Admissions.
e. Students who have completed at least 70 transferable quarter credit hours toward completion of an approved AA degree may complete the Direct Transfer Associate (DTA) degree from a Washington community college or Oregon two-year college after their initial enrollment at WSU. Students who enter WSU with at least 60 transferable quarter credit hours and later complete one of the associate degrees listed in Rule 6 (d) or (f) will receive the benefits described in Rule 6 (d) or (f).

f. Students who have completed the Associate of Science Transfer (AST) degree from a Washington community college normally will receive the same priority consideration for admission as they would for completing the Direct Transfer Associate (DTA) to the baccalaureate institution as they would for completing the direct transfer associate degree and will be given junior status and 60 semester credit hours. Up to four additional courses that meet the University Common Requirements (UCOREs) must be met prior to the completion of a baccalaureate degree. Additional courses, up to the 73 semester hour limit, will be reviewed for transfer on a course-by-course basis. Additional University Common Requirements (UCOREs), cultural diversity, and/or world language requirements, as required by Washington State University, must be met prior to the completion of a baccalaureate degree. Students are responsible for checking specific major requirements in the year prior to transferring.

g. Completion of lower-division University Common Requirements (UCOREs) will be granted to students who have been certified by their institution as having completed all of the lower-division general education curriculum at another regionally accredited Washington baccalaureate institution, provided the sending institution so certifies.

h. Completion of lower-division University Common Requirements (UCOREs) will be granted to students who have been certified by their institution as having completed the University of California Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education Breadth Curriculum.

i. Completion of all University Common Requirements (UCOREs) will be granted to students who have completed a baccalaureate degree from another regionally accredited institution, provided that the general education program approximates that at WSU.

j. Other degrees, including international degrees, will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis for fulfillment of requirements, in the absence of an approved articulation. Higher degrees do not necessarily fulfill baccalaureate degree requirements.

At this time, Faculty Senate review and approval is recommended, to be effective fall 2015.