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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sheila Dickison

FROM: W. Andrew McCollough 

SUBJECT: Gordon Rule aka Writing and Mathematics
Requirements of the University

Recently the Board of Governors approved a change to Rule 6A-10.030 in regards to the "Gordon Rule" on writing requirements for all undergraduate students.

Each University was charged with the responsibility for determining and defining this curriculum such that it meets the following requirements:

- a.) Enhance students' ability to express in clear, concise, correct prose, the key theories, principles, and practices of their discipline.
- b.) A system for completing the required curriculum that is feasible and easily understood.
- c.) Outcomes and requirements that accommodate an ease of transferability intent.

The General Education Committee provided a revised writing requirement for the University that was consistent with the intent of the Board of Governors revision and the University's emphasis on the development of these skills (attached).

The suggested revision contains a significant change in the evaluation process associated with the Writing Requirements and it was noted that this provision was subject to appropriate faculty review and approval.

The proposed evaluation process is:

- a.) Results of evaluation for the writing aspect of the course (separate from the content grade) should be recorded as an S/U (S=C or better).
- b.) Credit for Gordon Rule work in any given course requires an S in the writing aspect of the course.
- c.) Satisfactory completion ($\geq C$) of any General Education Composition Course (C) will automatically provide 6000 words of S work toward the writing requirement.

The General Education Committee is asking for review and approval by the UCC of the proposed evaluative process. Please contact me if there are any questions.