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**SM-S11-2, Senate Management Resolution, Designation and Continued Designation of First-Year Experience (FYE) Courses**

**Legislative History:**

At its meeting of May 9, 2011, the Academic Senate approved the following Senate Management Resolution presented by Senator Heiden for the Curriculum and Research Committee.

**Senate Management Resolution  
Designation and Continued Designation of First-Year Experience  
(FYE) Courses**

**Whereas,** University Policy S09-4 designates the UGS Committee as the final decision-making body for designation and continued designation of FYE courses and allows simultaneous review by BOGS if the department is also requesting GE certification for a new course, therefore be it

**Resolved,** that beginning May 2011, BOGS will complete the initial review for FYE designation and continuing designation; and be it further

**Resolved,** that the Director of General Education (or designee) will forward the recommendation of BOGS to the UGS Committee; the UGS Committee will retain the final decision authority in accordance with University Policy S09-4.

**Rationale:** The current process requires that proposals be sent independently to both BOGS and UGS when a course is submitted for GE certification and FYE designation. Most courses seeking FYE designation are also seeking (or already have) GE certification. Course coordinators have been confronted with the different deadlines, procedures, and meeting times for GE and FYE. This is both confusing and frustrating for departments.

In addition to minimizing confusion, the proposed change will also facilitate more rapid approval, as BOGS meets more frequently and has more experience with the evaluation of courses than does UGS. BOGS will review the courses requesting FYE designation or continued designation and then forward the approved courses on to UGS for final approval. Both BOGS and UGS have unanimously endorsed this Senate Management Resolution as a more efficient and faculty-friendly process.

<b>Approved:</b>	February 28, 2011
<b>Vote:</b>	10-0-0
<b>Present:</b>	Buzanski, Cabrera, Campbell, d'Alarcao, Du, Heiden (Chair), Jaehne, Nellen, Schultz-Krohn, Salazar
<b>Absent:</b>	Stacks, Van Hooff
<b>Financial Impact:</b>	None anticipated
<b>Workload Impact:</b>	Increased workload for BOGS; decreased workload for the UGS Committee