

# Wichita State University

## Student Government Association

### 61<sup>st</sup> Session of the Student Senate

**TITLE:** R-61-011: Recommendations for General Education Program Revision

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**SPONSOR(S):** Academics Committee

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WHEREAS the Kansas Board of Regents has mandated that most University degree programs consist of no more than (120) credit hours, which equates to roughly (15) credit hours per semester for four years; and

WHEREAS the University's General Education Revision Committee has been in deliberations on how to attain this mandate since May 2018; and

WHEREAS the Academics Committee has likewise been reviewing the general education program to ensure the appropriate allocation of credit hours per course; and

WHEREAS a review of the 2018 – 2019 catalogs for each degree program yielded variations within each programs specific general education requirements, which resided mainly within tier three: Advanced Further Studies and Issues & Perspectives Courses in Disciplines; and

WHEREAS the Bachelors of Applied Arts in Media Arts catalog contained a total of (120) credit hours with only (30) credit hours designated for general education requirements; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the 61<sup>st</sup> Session of Student Senate recommends that the General Education Revision Committee consider the elimination of tier three to bring most degree programs' general education requirements to (33-36) credit hours; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Education Revision Committee also consider allowing three to six credit hours within the general education program to additionally be counted toward program-specific courses in multiple disciplines or vice versa to more closely reflect the (120) total with (30) general education credit hour split, as demonstrated by the Media Arts program, without deteriorating either the general education or program specific courses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be forwarded with respect to Dr. Richard Muma, Acting President of the University; Dr. William Hendry, Chairmen of General Education Revision Committee; Maria Martino, Secretary of General Education Revision Committee; Dr. Linnea Glenmayer, Associate Vice President for the Office of Academic Affairs; and the Sunflower, the Student Newspaper of Wichita State University.

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