

The UWM University Committee moves that the UWM Faculty Senate adopt the following motion:

*For the UWinteriM session, the enrollment of each student shall be limited to three credit hours; and, each course offering shall be limited to three credit hours.*

Rationale

The UWM Academic Policy Committee (APC) has spent the past year reviewing UWinteriM at the behest of the University Committee (UC). The Faculty Senate originally approved the support of a pilot intersession as part of the 1998-99 academic year (UWM Faculty Document #2123, 18 Dec 1997). Further, the Senate expected that the Provost submit a preliminary report on the January 1999 pilot intersession to the Senate by May 1999, with a full report by the October 1999 Senate meeting. At the 13 May 1999 Senate Meeting, the Senate approved holding UWinteriM in January 2000 and 2001 (UWM Faculty Document #2197; also, the Provost was requested to annually report on these UWinteriMs to the Senate.

During the 2003/04 academic year, several Senators asked about these requested reports, noted that students could take more than 3 cr, and questioned the appropriateness for offering program-dependent and other in-depth courses during the three week timeline of UWinteriM. Subsequent to the Senate's discussion, the UC asked the APC to review the UWinteriM program and provide recommendations. The APC report was received by the UC in December 2004. One action item was included in the APC report, per above. If students want to take more than 3 cr during UWinteriM, they may request exception to the 3 cr limit and therefore would not be denied the opportunity by virtue of this action item. Finally, study-abroad programs were found to be offered for more than 3 cr, but the excess credits are currently taken during the preceding fall semester or subsequent spring semester. Attached is an executive summary of the entire APC report. The UC has reviewed the APC-recommended motion and supports its approval by the Senate.

UWM University Committee

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## Attachment

### Summary of UWinterM Report from the Academic Policy Committee (17 Dec 2004)

(E Sander for the UC, 25 Jan 2005)

Background: the Faculty Senate approved the support of a pilot intersession as part of the 1998-99 academic year (UWM Faculty Document #2123, 18 Dec 1997). Further, the Senate expected that the Provost submit a preliminary report on the January 1999 intersession to the Senate by May 1999, with a full report by the October 1999 Senate meeting. The May 1999 report was presented in April 1999.

The Intersession Working Group (several DES staff, Associate Vice Chancellor Ruth Williams, Associate Dean Tom O'Bryan, APC rep Prof Jane Bowers) provided a preliminary report in March 1998 by way of preparation for implementing UWinterM in January 1999.

On 2 Dec 2002, APC Chair Professor Andy Martin indicated that the "Provost's Office did not conduct any studies of UWinteriM and that no reports were submitted to the Faculty Senate." According to the recently received APC report, two reports were submitted by the Provost's Office pertaining to UWinteriM of 1999 and 2000.

Current APC Report Items: the report indicates the APC reviewed all UWinteriM reports and correspondence. The APC concluded that UWinteriM has "been evaluated on several occasions." The report does not address the Senate's expectations for seeing the reports.

The APC reviewed and discussed UWinteriM compensation, which has essentially stabilized in the past years. Expectations comport with Overload Policies.

The report also includes one action item for the Senate, which involves credit limits for students, specifically:

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The APC reviewed concerns about the three-week UWinteriM and the Senate concerns with regard to the short timeline being inappropriate for courses requiring depth of exposure. To that end, the report suggested that decisions about what courses to offer during UWinteriM should be at the department level. Additionally, UWinteriM was thought to facilitate matriculating students in more timely manner, while also accommodating non-traditional and part-time students.

The final issue raised by the report pertained to UWinteriM shifting the spring semester schedule closer to summer session. This shift might impact on students' summer employment opportunities.

The University Committee believes the Faculty Senate should decide what they want to see by way of reports on UWinteriM, including expected reports per above. Further, the Senate should consider if any additional policies may be required at this time for UWinteriM, apart from the action item regarding credit limits.