GENERAL FACULTY
Agenda Item

Date: February 3, 2011
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Subject: IS 350 Community Service Transformational Experience II – Service and Giving
(1 credit hour)

Description:

Students enrolling in this course must complete IS 250 or have consent of faculty. Students will complete 50 hours of community service with an approved organization or agency. In the past Community Service TE was co-curricular in design offering no credit because it was a University requirement. The Washburn Transformational Experience has recently been identified as an elective for students. By offering the Community Service TE for credit, the student is allowed to use the experience as elective credit toward graduation. This is the second of three 1 hour credit courses which will be used to meet a 150 hour community service requirement.

Financial Implications: This is a new course for the Interdisciplinary Studies program although the actual course design has been used for the Community Service TE since its inception. There is no increase in cost to the University since the course will be taught by the staff in the LinC office.

Approved by Faculty Senate: January 24, 2011

Financial Implications: None.

Requested Action: General Faculty approval.

Presented By: Dr. Randall Pembrook, Vice President for Academic Affairs and
Dr. Nancy Tate, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Part I General Information

1. Exact proposed catalog description (including course number, title, and credits, prerequisites)

**IS 350 Community Service Transformational Experience II - Service and Giving (1 credit)**
(Pre-requisite IS250 or consent of faculty)

Students enrolling in this course will complete 50 hours of community service with an approved organization or agency and will meet regularly to reflect on their service. The focus of the service, readings and discussions in CSTE II are based on two concepts of civic engagement – serving and giving. Service, including public or community service, has the unusual feature of serving at least two different ends: service expressly benefits those served but at the same time benefits the servant as well (Davis & Lynn, 2006). For the first half of this section the readings and discussion will consider both kinds of benefits—the benefits to the server and those served. The focus of the second half of this section will look at the experience of giving. Very often we give gifts that fill us with joy and other times we have given gifts that lead us to resentment and regret (Davis & Lynn, 2006). Much of the time the act of giving and receiving leads us to question the act itself. “Should I have given that man on the street that dollar?” (Davis & Lynn, 2006). The readings and discussion in this section will explore the motives of the human experience of giving.

2. Rationale for offering this course.

In the past the Community Service TE was co-curricular in design offering no credit because it was a University requirement. The Washburn Transformational Experience has recently been identified as an elective for students. Students will now choose to complete one of the four WTEs if they so desire. By offering the Community Service TE for credit, the student is allowed to use the experience as elective credit toward graduation. The rationale for offering three courses at one credit each is based on the literature regarding the impact of service and reflection. Recent work in the field shows that the longer students are involved in service and
reflection the greater the long term involvement they demonstrate in the community. This is represented by students' involvement in volunteering, public service and activity in the political process. Therefore having students complete the 150 hours of required service for the WTE over three semesters is in line with the expected outcome of long term commitment to the community.

3. Does this represent an added course to your curriculum?
   a. No  No   Which course(s) is it replacing?
   b. Yes  Yes   How is the cost to be underwritten?  This would be a new course for the Interdisciplinary Studies program although the actual course design has been used for the Community Service TE since its inception. There is no increase in cost to the University since the course will be taught by the staff in the LinC office.

4. What will be the extent and nature of the reading required for this course?

Required readings for this course will be selected from a collection of essays designed specifically for reflection of community service that focus on the issues of serving and giving with specific attention to what one gains as well as what one gives in service to others.

Part II Content Considerations

5. Describe the writing component of the proposed course both qualitatively and quantitatively.

Writing assignments for this course will include weekly journal writing guided by questions raised from the essays and discussion as they relate to the student’s service experience. In addition to the weekly writing assignments the student will be required to write a final essay about the service experience.

6. Will this course be proposed as a General Education course?
   Yes Yes   No  No

If yes, please indicate the General Education goals to be served by this course?

7. How will student performance be assessed?

All students enrolled will complete a pre-service survey at the beginning of IS 250. The students will complete a post-service survey upon completion of the 150 hours of service. Both surveys are available on the web through My Washburn. These surveys measure the students' attitudes in the six common commitments of service (social justice, community building, civic engagement, diversity, international perspective, and personal development). In addition all students completing the 150 hours of service will present his/her learning in a public forum.

8. Does the Department consider the proposed course will primarily attract:  No  No   Department's majors

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Non-majors ☐ Department majors and majors from specific other departments?

Which departments?

Part III Financial/Resource Considerations

9. Has the Department proposing the course addition reviewed the University Catalog and determined that the proposed course does not duplicate in title or content existing courses? Yes ☒ No ☐

10. How often does the Department anticipate the proposed course will be offered?
☒ Every semester ☐ Every other semester ☐ Every three semesters ☐ Irregularly

11. Has the proposed course been offered as a special topic?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, when was it offered? _____ Enrollment

12. Are current library holdings adequate? Yes ☐ No ☐ If the answer is "no," what would be necessary to bring the library collection to an acceptable standard for this course offering?

__________________________________________
Signature of Librarian

13. Do you currently have the equipment and facilities (including sufficient WWW access, computer software, hardware) to teach this class?

YES

14. If the answer to #12 is "no," what additional equipment and/or facilities will be needed? (Be specific as regards any technology needs in the way of WWW access, and computer software or hardware.)

15. What status will the proposed course have within the Department's overall curriculum?
☒ Elective ☐ Required

16. Will new faculty, either full or part-time, be needed to teach this class?

NO

17. Will the addition of this course in any way alter the program leading to teacher certification?

NO