

FACULTY AGENDA ITEM NO 16-2

Date: 4/13/2015

Submitted by: *Dr. Michael Gleason*

SUBJECT: *Leadership Certificate Curriculum Change*

Description: This proposal changes the catalog language to allow the Leadership Studies Certificate be earned by associate degree seeking students. In addition, a new course (LE 350) will be added to become the culminating course of the students' experience with the Leadership Studies Certificate. This is a 350 course code, more appropriate for students at the associate degree level.

Current Language:

The Leadership Studies Minor and Certificate are interdisciplinary programs open to students in all majors and degree programs. The Leadership Studies Minor or Certificate combine academic, co-curricular and community leadership experiences and is designed to be completed concurrently while earning a baccalaureate degree. These programs provide graduates with the knowledge and skills necessary to be effective leaders in government, business, not-for-profit, educational, and civic settings.

Proposed Language:

The Leadership Studies Minor and Certificate are interdisciplinary programs open to students in all majors and degree programs. The Leadership Studies Minor **and** Certificate combine academic, co-curricular and community leadership experiences. **The Leadership Studies Minor** is designed to be completed concurrently while earning a baccalaureate degree. **Students completing an associate degree or baccalaureate degree are able to earn a Leadership Studies Certificate.** These programs provide graduates with the knowledge and skills necessary to be effective leaders in government, business, not-for-profit, educational, and civic settings.

Rationale: *In the current catalog description it is unclear whether students earning an associate degree are able to complete the leadership certificate, and the Leadership Institute has received several requests for this option. The proposed catalog change will clearly define the acquisition of the certificate at the associate degree level and the acquisition of the leadership minor or certificate at the baccalaureate degree level.*

Financial Implications: *None. Existing faculty will offer LE 350 (currently being proposed) on demand in course load.*

Leadership Studies Minor students take LE100, LE200, LE300, LE400 and two elective courses. Students pursuing the Leadership Studies Certificate will take three of these four core courses (LE100, LE200 and LE300), and the new LE350 course will be the final course to complete the certificate.

Proposed Effective Date: *Immediately*

Request for Action: *Approval by AAC/.FAC/FS/ Gen Fac, etc*

Approved by: *Interdisciplinary Studies Committee on April 8, 2015*

AAC on September 14, 2015

FAC on date

Faculty Senate on September 21, 2015

Attachments Yes No