Gary & John,

In our Head Advisor meeting yesterday, the following items came up as discussion topics for the Curriculum Council and/or UEC. The Head Advisors are concerned about the lack of coordination between departments and colleges on course scheduling, restricting course offerings, etc. These negatively impact a student's progress towards graduation. The issues are:

1. Need to incorporate course scheduling in the liaison efforts in the Curriculum Council Guidelines.
   It was discussed how we don't, as a university, work together in our course scheduling. When departments decide not to offer a course, or offer it alternate years, and no one knows, it really affects the students' plan of study. The advisors may or may not be aware that another department has changed the scheduling of courses, thus leaving the student short of classes needed to graduate.

2. Need for approval of E-campus courses as a substitute for on-campus courses.
   Concerns were that some E-campus courses are taught by non-qualified professors (this was raised by professors in one college) and that some required courses are only being taught by E-campus. While it was discussed that some of this is an access issue, there were others who felt quite strongly about the non-qualified professors and "required" E-campus courses.

3. Need to incorporate enforced pre-requisites and major restrictions in the liaison efforts of the Curriculum Council. The concern here is that departments and colleges are restricting courses to their own majors when these courses are required in other disciplines across campus. Enforced pre-requisites have become an issue when departments will not recognize a Bacc Core designation made by Admissions as meeting a course pre-requisite.

We appreciate your consideration of these items. If you would like to discuss this more, or if you need specific examples, feel free to contact me. Thanks.

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