IWC Recommendation Regarding General Education Writing-Intensive Courses (GE-WI)

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Motion

The IWC seeks a vote on the following recommendation.

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Undergraduate Writing Requirements

Institute Writing Policy (D16.0)

RIT undergraduates must complete three writing-intensive courses:

1. First-Year Writing
2. Writing-Intensive General Education Course
   (a General Education course with ‘WI’ status)
3. Writing-Intensive Program Course
   (‘WI’ course from primary program of study / major)

Note: Requirements for WI courses may be found online (link below)

http://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/academicsenate/iwc/submission.php
Availability of Seats in WI Courses

The IWC has collected data to assess the Institute’s ability to implement Policy D16.0.

Based on recent first-year enrollments, the IWC estimates roughly 2600 seats are needed per year for First-Year Writing, and the same number each year for GE-WI courses.

Current Seat Availabilities
First-Year Writing: > 2000 seats
Program Writing-Intensive: > 1400 (and growing; not a concern)
General Education Writing-Intensive (GE-WI): < 1200 seats

*There is a backlog of students in the 2012 cohort who have been unable to satisfy this requirement.
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To prevent delays in time to graduation, and to provide the Institute with time to increase GE-WI course capacity, the IWC recommends that the GE-WI requirement be waived for the 2012, 2013 and 2014 cohorts.

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