

# **POLICY ON SELECTED TOPICS AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS**

After spring term of 2006, EPCC will no longer approve Selected Topics courses for General Education or UWR university graduation requirements. All courses that seek to satisfy those university graduation requirements should be approved by EPCC and the Assembly and become part of the permanent curriculum.

After spring term of 2007, Selected Topics courses will no longer be used to satisfy General Education, UWR, or Math Competency university graduation requirements.

Any exceptions to this policy must have both EPCC and the College Dean's approval and will be allowed only once.

**RATIONALE:** University graduation requirements are approved by the faculty and indicate what the faculty views as important benchmarks of a student's learning experience. In order to maintain the integrity of the curriculum, courses that satisfy the above graduation requirements (General Education, UWR, and Math competency) should also be subject to the faculty's approval and should be part of the approved curriculum of the University.

There are also practical reasons for implementing such a policy. In spite of numerous attempts to "rein in" the proliferation and continuance of Selected Topics courses, including a policy approved by the Assembly last year, there are still many courses that continue to be offered within this "shadow" curriculum. If these courses are allowed to satisfy the specified graduation requirements, there is little incentive to bring them into the permanent curriculum. In addition, having some, but not all, Selected Topics courses satisfy the above university graduation requirements is a very cumbersome task for the Registrar's Office.