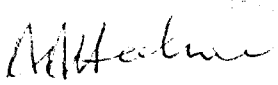




March 12, 2008

TO: Deans' Council
Department Chairs
Unit Heads
Muriel Frierson, Registrar
Karen Siefring, AFT President
Brittany Meyer, SGA President
Eric Milou, University Senate President

FROM: Ali A. Houshmand, Provost 

SUBJECT: Senate Resolution 080303-1: Creation of all-University "Rowan Experience Requirements"

The following resolution has been passed by the University Senate, approved by me and will become effective immediately. As is always the case with an academic policy, this is an important change that must be widely disseminated within the university.

Consequently, please ensure that all faculty and staff within the units in your respective area of supervision are fully briefed on this policy.

A detailed narrative of this resolution is attached for your convenience.

/jds

c: D. Farish



RESOLUTION-POLICY

X	Action Item
	For Information Only

From: Dr. Eric Milou, Rowan University Senate President

To: Dr. Ali Houshmand, Provost

Date: 3/3/08

RE: Senate Resolution **080303-1**

Creation of all-University “Rowan Experience Requirements”

Whereas: The state of New Jersey has signed the Automatic Statewide Transfer Agreement into law, effective the fall 2008 semester.

Whereas: The Transfer Agreement stipulates that a transfer student with an Associate’s Degree from a New Jersey community college is considered to have fulfilled “all lower division general education requirements” towards a Bachelor’s degree at any state university.

Whereas: A Multicultural/Global course, a Writing Intensive course, an Artistic and Creative Experience course, and a Literature Intensive course are vital components of the Rowan undergraduate experience, and the Transfer Agreement contains no specific requirement that such courses be taken within an Associate’s Degree.

Whereas: The Transfer Agreement specifically requires a Public Speaking course for A.A. degrees, but not for A.S. degrees.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

The ACE, M/G, WI, LIT, RS and Public Speaking requirements will be termed “The Rowan Experience Requirements.”

The new name will reflect the fact that these all-university requirements are essential components of Rowan’s unique program, and will clarify the status of these requirements under the new law, ensuring that transfer students will understand that they need to fulfill these requirements, whether they hold Associate’s degrees or not.

Be It Further Resolved:

- All students will be required to earn a combined total of 42 credits of General Education and Rowan Experience courses, in addition to meeting the minimum number of required credits in each individual course bank.
- The requirement that the Writing Intensive course MUST be taken at Rowan will remain.
- The current practice of requiring Rowan Seminar only for freshmen will remain.

- The list of courses that carry the ACE, M/G, WI, RS, and LIT designations, and the process of adding these designations to new courses, will be unchanged.
- The two courses that fulfill the Public Speaking requirement (Public Speaking and Sophomore Engineering Clinic II) will be unchanged.

Acceptance:

I give my approval. I have forwarded this item to SEE ATTACHED for implementation. DISTRIBUTION LIST

No approval is actually needed. I have forwarded this item to the following individual or office for informational purposes only:

ADDITIONAL REVIEW NEEDED:

I am willing to give approval if the following modification(s) are made:

Before I can approve or reject this item, I need clarification on the following:

I have forwarded this item to the following individual or office for further consideration and consultation.

Rejection:

I decline acceptance of this item for the following reason:

Please Return this Copy to the University Senate President ~ Retain a Copy for Your Records