





- In times of flat or declining applicant pools and greater dependence on tuition dollars, are we certain that this proposal will not affect our enrollments? How will we ensure that it does not impact our enrollments?
- Two of our most fierce competing institutions are ISU and SIUE. ISU only requires 2 semesters; the requirement at SIUE is not listed in the study. As stated above, enrollments are driving higher education finance in public institutions in ways not seen before. I believe it would be imprudent to move forward with such a proposal without a thorough review of the impacts by our Admissions Office.
- The implementation plan does not indicate how high schools will be informed of the change in graduation requirement. Is the implementation date appropriate? What is the communication plan for high schools and our transfer institutions?
- Additional coursework in some majors will impact time to degree. In particular, most science, CDS, and most education programs of study are challenged to complete the degree in 120 hours and some simply cannot due to professional or credential requirements. This has the potential of adding 4 hours to the program of study, impacting time to degree.
- Non-traditional students are impacted by our current FLG requirement and that impact will be more pronounced with this proposal. If those students completed high school with 2 years of FLG 5-10 years prior to enrolling at EIU, they probably could not complete the third semester course without taking two additional semesters. What accommodations are being considered for students who completed the two year requirement several years earlier? At a time when we are working to increase access to non-traditional students and competing for those students with virtual universities around the world, this is a significant concern.
- If there is an interest in increasing FLG at EIU, perhaps it should be from the programmatic level. Maybe there are majors or concentrations where an increase in FLG would enhance the curriculum. Maybe it is a requirement that should be considered by College.
- When the graduation requirements are under discussion, there should be wide campus debate as there is when a general education change is proposed. I urge CAA to carefully consider this issue and employ additional efforts to engage the entire campus in this debate.

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