

## The CC Report Addendum

### MOTION 1: Pilot Summer Term 2020

#### **CC Motion 1: Approve the creation of a pilot summer term in the summer of 2020.**

The Certification and Community Education Work Group moves to create a pilot summer term in June – July 2020. The pilot will be evaluated based on student demand and enrollment with specific attention to enrollment of new (non-IWU) students. The program evaluation will be completed prior to the beginning of the 2020-2021 academic year to determine whether a summer term will continue to be offered. If summer term grows, resources will be reevaluated to assure adequate student support services and administrative support are provided.

#### **Course offerings:**

The summer pilot will be kept small as feasibility is being determined. The following courses will be offered in summer 2020, with the potential to add one additional course depending on student interest:

ENG 111: Latinx Fiction (Lit, U)

MATH 110: Finite Mathematics (FR; second section may be offered based on interest)

MATH 176: Calculus I (FR)

SPAN 101: Elementary Spanish I

SPAN 102: Elementary Spanish II

Courses will require a minimum enrollment of 10 students to make, and the maximum number of students will be determined based on pedagogy. All courses are subject to CC approval after review of course syllabi and a written rationale including how pedagogy will be adapted to the accelerated summer format.

The courses chosen for the pilot help students progress toward fulfilling a general education requirement (e.g., SPAN 101) or allows students to fully complete a general education requirement (e.g., MATH 110). Courses were identified based on student demand, as evidenced by the number of students transferring in that general education requirement to IWU. All courses chosen are also part of most general education programs at other universities and are common high school requirements. Calculus is included as many students are required to take Calculus based on pre-professional program plans or major. While Calculus is offered each semester at IWU, the upper division Calculus classes are not; therefore, students who are planning ahead may want to take the course over the summer. The math department also felt that our smaller class sizes and quality instruction will help IWU compete with Illinois State University (ISU) and Heartland Community College (HCC). While prerequisite courses for pre-professional students may be of interest, none will be offered during the pilot since the courses (e.g., general biology, general chemistry, physics) require the addition of labs, lab faculty, and a higher cost due to the increased cost of delivery. In the future, the addition of lab courses may be an opportunity for increased enrollment.

While some courses will directly compete with courses offered at ISU and HCC, the goal is to offer courses that are unique to IWU. Our ability to offer courses that meet basic general education requirements (e.g., LIT) with an added focus on diversity may help us recruit non-IWU students. SPAN 101/102 will be taught as a two course sequence over the 7 week session and students will earn 2 course units (8 semester hours) in 7 weeks. This is an immersive experience that is very different from what is offered at other universities. Students will be able to register for the SPAN 101/102 sequence, or they can register for one of the courses.

### **Student Resources for a Pilot Summer Term:**

The Certification Programs work group met with the VP of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Director of Residential Life, and Director of Academic Advising and Coordinator of Disability Services, to discuss student needs. During the summer, approximately 60 current IWU students remain on campus for work study, research, or other reasons. Students who remain over the summer do not have access to food service or other campus resources; however, the Dean of Students Office, Registrar's Office, and Academic Advising Office remain open.

**Library.** The library is open from 8am – 4 pm during the summer. Extended hours will not be offered during the summer pilot. If summer term grows, the need for extended hours will be reevaluated.

**Writing Center.** The Writing Center is not open during the summer; however, the pilot does not include any writing intensive courses and only one course that is likely to include writing in English. If summer term grows, the need for extended hours will be reevaluated.

**Tutors.** The Department of World Languages, Literature, and Cultures- Spanish plans to have tutoring available for the SPAN 101/102 but will use budgeted tutor funds currently in place. No additional tutoring services will be offered.

**Accommodations.** The WG met with the Director of Academic Advising and Coordinator of Disability Services to discuss student accommodation needs. She will determine the documentation needed for external students to obtain accommodations during the summer. She will also work through other logistical issues including the need for audio conversion of written texts and exam proctoring.