TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: The Committee on Instruction and Curriculum (CIC)
SUBJECT: 15-16 CIC 21: Postponement of enacting prerequisite enforcements
PURPOSE: Approval of the Academic Senate.
ACTION REQUESTED: That the Senate approve the postponement of the enacting of prerequisite enforcements as noted in 13-14 CIC 19 from fall, 2016 to fall, 2018

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
At its meeting on January 4, the Committee heard a request from the University Registrar and her staff that prerequisite enforcement beginning in fall, 2016, as mandated by 13-14 CIC 19 would delay the office’s ability to work on online degree audits needed for semester conversion. That would in turn hamper individual advising. The Registrar and Semester Conversion Directors argued that this necessitated postponement of the prerequisite enforcement.

It was brought up during the Committee’s discussion that 13-14 CIC 19 was already a two-year postponement of a previous prerequisite enforcement document (12-13 CIC 8) and that the Committee and the Senate had taken action in 14-15 CIC 28, to specify what would be enforceable and what would not. It was furthermore noted that the administration had indicated that there would be staff members allocated to this task in order to meet the fall, 2016 deadline.

The Committee voted 6-1-3 in favor of recommending a delay in the implementation of prerequisite enforcement until fall, 2018.