TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: Committee on Instruction and Curriculum (CIC)
SUBJECT: 17-18 CIC 33: Health Sciences Prerequisite Policy

PURPOSE: Approval of the Senate

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Senate approve Health Science’s request for a policy on prerequisites; upon signature of the President effective Fall 2018

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
In 16-17 CIC 33, the Senate approved a pilot test of the auto enforcement of prerequisites in Health Sciences and in Psychology. This test has been successful in facilitating enrollments and in reducing bottlenecks in Health Sciences.

Health Sciences has had extensive experience with enforcing prerequisites and has found that the enforcement of prerequisites has been effective in improving student outcomes. See, Ganesh, Chandrakala, and Jason A. Smith. "Using Multiple High-Impact Practices to Reduce Bottlenecks and Improve Student Learning in an Undergraduate Health Science Program." [In en]. Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning 17, no. 2 (2017-05-11 2017): 74 - 84.

Health Sciences requested that this policy be made permanent for them as it only involves internal non-transferable Health Sciences prerequisites and does not negatively impact transfer students. The Registrar confirmed to CIC that Health Sciences careful consultation and implementation removed the potential problems.

CIC approved the following policy unanimously.

PROPOSED POLICY

The Health Sciences Program shall be allowed to auto-enforce prerequisites beginning Fall 2018. The enforcement shall ensure that the student has taken the prerequisite previously or is enrolled in the prerequisite at the time of enrollment.