

Kevin Illingworth Jul 2 (8 days ago)

to me, Byron, Carrie, Peter, Cathy, Phillip

Hi Jenny,

Just wanted to let you know that TM faculty met yesterday about the proposed changes to the RD degree. We all see the benefits to students with this change, as well as an increased opportunity for collaboration between the programs. Promoting the TM Certificate and AAS degree as a successful pathway into RD, with the AAS fulfilling the requirement of a minor, can also have a great potential of building a closer working relationship between faculty and avoiding potential duplication of services.

In short, TM faculty are supportive of the proposed change to remove the 30 credit minimum requirement for admission into the RD degree, and we appreciate this opportunity for input. Thanks again,

Kevin

On Fri, Jun 27, 2014 at 1:19 PM, Kevin Illingworth <kmillingworth@alaska.edu> wrote:

Hi Jenny,

I think this is a very good proposal that will benefit students, making the transition from TM to RD much smoother.

I included the other TM faculty in this reply and would like to have a chance to meet with them, sometime during this coming week, and gain their perspective. Thanks for the opportunity to provide input!

Kevin

On Tue, Jun 24, 2014 at 2:30 PM, Jenny Jones <jbjones@alaska.edu> wrote:

Good afternoon Kevin; hope all is going well with you this summer. Here at DANSRD we have been taking a look at removing the 30 credit minimum requirement for a student to be admitted to the program and making it possible for them to admit to RD as freshmen the same way that they can for ANS. I've attached my notes on this and would like your opinion and input especially regarding any possible negative effects you might see for TM if we do this.

Our intent would be for it to benefit TM in a number of ways especially by our advisor encouraging students who are not already in the TM program (and who might not know much about it) to take TM courses for electives and plan on including them in their concentration areas. It will also allow for more coordination to take place between our new advisor and TM for those current TM majors who think they will want to continue on to RD. At present we can't officially work with them (although of course we do try to help if you ask us to) but if they are able to declare the RD BA early on while they are still working on their TM degree or certificate, both degrees will go into Degreeworks and the student and advisor(s) will be able to keep track without having to use the "what if" function. They would even be able to add the RD concentration area feature and then see which of their TM courses were automatically counting towards their RD degree.

In other words, I'm not seeing negative effects if we do this ... but I absolutely want to know if you see something you think will be a problem so that we can address it before going any further with this.

Looking forward to hearing from you regarding this!

JB

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