

The following motion passed at Faculty Senate meeting #232 on May 7, 2018

MOTION

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The UAF Faculty Senate moves to amend the 2018-19 catalog language on WRTG placement as follows:

“Writing placement exams ~~must~~ **SHOULD** be taken within two calendar years before the start of a course; mathematics placement exams must be taken within one calendar year prior. Students enrolling in developmental or lower-division general education requirement courses must have completed any prerequisite courses within two calendar years of their enrollment.”

The Faculty Senate further moves to eliminate the lower cutoff score for placement into WRTG 080, allowing any student with a placement score below placement into WRTG 090 to be enrolled in WRTG 080.

EFFECTIVE

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Academic Year 2018-2019

RATIONALE

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Placement score ranges for Accuplacer are changing this summer, and the UA-wide WRTG Community of Practice has recommended new cut-off score levels for WRTG 080, 090,110, and 111X. In the process, we at UAF became aware of two areas of WRTG placement policy that are out of alignment with UAA and UAS, both of which are not currently being done in practice.

First, when the Faculty Senate passed the most recent English placement motion in 2013, the motion stipulated that placement scores would expire after two years and students would need to retake the placement tests (usually Accuplacer) for placement if their scores had expired . However, according to the Registrar's office, this “expiration” is unenforceable in Banner and is not consistently followed in practice. This motion will eliminate the expiration of placement after a specified time, but will still encourage students to retest if they have not taken a WRTG class within two years after the original test.

Second, UAA does not have a lower cutoff for WRTG 080, which means that our universities are out of alignment for WRTG placement at that level. In the past, our recommendation was that students testing below the 080 cutoff be referred to a program such as Adult Learning Programs of Alaska; however, the number of students affected by this cutoff is very small, and, in practice, these students have been admitted to WRTG 080 despite the lower placement score. This motion will align UAF policy with UAA's and will also align policy with current practice.

These changes primarily affect students placing into developmental WRTG classes, but will have no impact on those placing into WRTG 111X and above.

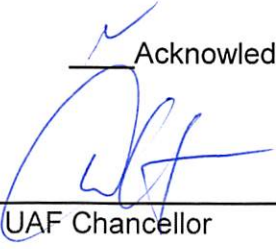


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Acknowledges

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Daniel M. White, UAF Chancellor

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