Motion: Approval of Remote Teaching for Fall 2020

Rationale: as the university prepares for the fall 2020 semester, there is a need to provide academic programs with additional flexibility to offer course instruction in a majority or fully remote modality. This could be necessary for faculty who are not able to meet classes inperson, or to provide majority remote instruction in order to meet social distancing requirements. The proposed motion outlines the necessary conditions that faculty should meet in order to teach majority or fully remotely. This motion will provide a streamlined approval designation process that will only apply to the fall 2020 semester. In order to receive this approval, faculty must complete the Fall 2020 Remote Teaching Course Proposal Form and submit it to their department chair or Associate Dean during the first week of the fall semester. The completed forms will be kept on file by the university to meet accreditation and government requirements for remote teaching.

Motion: Approval of Remote Teaching for Fall 2020. Given the need to adapt course delivery to meet the COVID-19 public health emergency, remote teaching of individual courses for Fall 2020, either through use of majority or fully remote delivery, is approved with the expectations that the faculty teaching such courses will:

1) One of the following is required for faculty to meet the requirements for faculty development, 1) I have completed the summer faculty development program including one session on each of the four topics presented, 2) I was previously approved to teach an online course at UMW, 3) I have completed training at an aforementioned institution or conference, please name that institution or conference,

2) make use of Canvas LMS to house their syllabus, contact information, how students will access their grades or feedback, and links to any other sites/platforms that are used for the course with explanation of use and expectations,

3) ensure that course materials will comply with accessibility requirements, and

4) ensure that students will be engaged through a variety of synchronous and/or asynchronous means.

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