December 6, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: WCC Campus

FROM: Doug Dykstra
Chancellor

SUBJECT: Status of CIL and Math Graduation Requirements

Faculty Senate recently reported the results of the Open Forums and faculty polls held relative to the Computer Information Literacy (CIL) graduation requirement and the separate Math graduation requirement.

In light of the results of the CIL poll in which 56% of the voting faculty favored removal of the CIL requirement, I am confirming the removal of the requirement effective immediately. This will mean that students applying for graduation beginning this semester will not be required to have passed the CIL exam or classes identified as satisfying the CIL requirement. I am very supportive of the assignment of Dean Brian Richardson to convene a task force to explore alternative means/resources to assure that students attain the computer skills required for academic success as early as possible in their degree work at the college.

In light of the results of the Math requirement poll in which 60% of the voting faculty elected to retain the requirement, I am accepting that result, but I am asking the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to investigate means of assuring that students who fail to place at the baccalaureate level in Math will expedite the process of attaining the necessary standard.

c: Peter Quigley, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs