To: Faculty Senate

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We will share a revised and responsive concept of the sample four year degree plans and the method for maintaining them for faculty senate feedback. The sample plans are an important tool for the university to have for recruitment purposes and keeping them up to date can be challenging. There were also several concerns around them when they were first mentioned at senate. With the online submission and viewing interface, we've attempted to address both the concerns raised by faculty and the currency issue in the following ways:

- The "disclaimer" statements have been made stronger, with more immediate direction to DegreeTracks (aka DegreeWorks).
- There are several spaces for caveats, comments, and parenthetical notes on the plans themselves to allow explanations for placement exams, prerequisites or other things that might impact a student's plan.
- The input for this is embedded in the curriculum system, so there isn't a separate place or person to go to to keep them up to date.
- Updates can be done simultaneously with program changes or separately.
- Changes to the sample plan without other program changes do not have to go through a full curriculum review, instead they will use an abbreviated process of departmental and division approval.

Here's a link to the current (beta)

version: https://www.wou.edu/include_files/iframe_apps/facultysenate/curriculum/forms/ sample4yr.php - please note not all programs are loaded yet,

Year 1	Courses & Sequences
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here language specific to your program that should be appear on the public display of this plan?	

To help WOU market your program, please provide some sample career paths a graduate might take,

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