

Curriculum Committee Summary 2013-14

Leadership

Chair: Janette Harrington

Vice Chair: Joel Kabakov

Members

Jules Burton	Pam Morse
Doris Jepson	John Schoppert
Tom Kaser	Stacey Shaw
Diana Lee-Greene	Susan Lewis (non-voting)
Ken Leibham	Kaylene Herman (non-voting)
Tom Lieurance	

Degrees and Certificates reviewed

3 Certificate revisions were approved

5 Degree revisions were approved

Courses reviewed

8 New CTE courses were approved

2 New LDC courses were approved

34 CTE course revisions were approved for IICA

66 LDC course revisions were approved for IICA

- 40 Gen Ed Requests approved for IICA
- 6 Cultural Literacy Requests approved for IICA
- 11 prerequisite Opt-out Requests approved for IICA

8 Course inactivations

Decisions or Actions approved

Procedural issues and changes

1. Hours allotted for committee members to prep for and attend meeting was increased to 5.5 hours. (10/08/13)
2. Charter revisions
 - a. voting: Section 1.03c revised to read "A motion is passed by a simple majority of the members present." (1/14/14)
 - b. membership: Section 1.02A.4 to read "A committee member may be re-elected for additional two-year terms." Charter bullet 1.02A.5 was deleted. Section 1.02A.6 to read "If practical, terms shall be staggered so a least one-half of the Committee members are chosen yearly." Bullets renumbered to reflect deletions. General purpose of revisions to allow members to serve an indefinite number of two-year terms as long as they are elected by their department. (5/13/14)
3. Discussion regarding revision of submission forms to provide clarity about content that is within the purview of the committee and that which is not. Particular area of concern being the Department Notes. Various suggestions considered; however, no change approved. (1/14/14)
4. To be included on list of acceptable issues to submit via consent agenda: addition/deletion of degree or certificate electives. (2/11/14)
5. Members' rights and responsibilities – appropriate to hold firm or to compromise; interaction between members and with guests; constructive conversation vs bullying. (6/30/14)

Initial Independent Course Approval (IICA)

1. Discussion concerning Instructional Council proposal to limit IICA review to courses that department faculty determine to be in need of revision. (11/12/13)
2. Discussion concerning IICA schedule – determined that Committee would proceed with the 3 year plan and not extend to a 4th year. (6/30/14)

Administrative Rules and Operating Procedures

1. Administrative Rules and Operating Procedures:
 - a. Termination of degree/certificate/program – approved draft (10/8/13, 6/30/14)
 - b. Experimental Courses – approved draft (6/30/14)
 - c. Repeatability – more research and department input needed. Diana will present to department chairs at September IC. (6/30/14)

Special Meeting regarding GS 109 Submission

1. GS 109 submission did not receive sufficient number of “in favor” votes to be approved at the December 2 CC meeting – 4 in favor, 1 opposed, 3 abstentions. Under debate was the inclusion of a department note that limits faculty from teaching “intelligent design.” Several committee members considered this limitation to be a breach of academic freedom. At the request of the Science Department, the CASSO called a special meeting, as outlined in OP 04.009.001 – Curriculum Development and Approval, to discuss the issue and attempt to arbitrate a resolution. Following discussion, revote resulted in the approval of the course with the inclusion of the department note – 8 in favor, 1 opposed, no abstentions (12/3/13, 12/10/13)

Discussion Items

Forms and their usability (12/10/13, 1/14/14, 3/11/14)

IICA process and difficulty for faculty to comply (11/12/13, 3/11/14, 6/30/14)

General Education Electives vs General Electives (3/11/14)

General Education redesign proposals being discussed (6/30/14)