

## Curriculum Committee Year-End Report

### A. The Committee's Charge for 2006-2007

#### 1. Recurring charges:

Review course and degree proposals.

#### 2. General Education:

- a. Review the adequacy of all general education requirements.
- b. Review degree programs and determine whether any requirements can be elevated to institutional program requirements.
- c. Consider whether it is desirable to implement General Education Milestones, for example, an assessment of student writing skills at the end of the sophomore year. This assessment could also be used for program assessment.
- d. In collaboration with AAA, determine which General Education requirements should typically be met before the student reaches 60 credit hours. What skills would we expect of a student who satisfies these requirements? How can we describe these skills without referring to particular courses? How could this packet of skills [be] described in a 2+2-agreement in which emphasis is on particular skills, rather than courses?

[Note: this charge was reassigned to another committee.]

#### 3. Other

- a. Develop a policy for "combined" [jointly offered] graduate and undergraduate courses.
- b. Develop and review guidelines for distributed education courses.

### B. Additional Goal

Streamline the Existing Course Adoption Procedure

### C. Accomplishments

Where applicable, the Faculty Senate circular numbers are given in parentheses, e.g., "(E18-06)".

1. New Minor Approved

Minor in Informatics (E27-07, not yet approved by the Senate)

2. Revisions to Current Programs Approved

- a. BS in Elementary Education (E22-07)
- b. BS in Secondary Education (E23-07)
- c. Title changes: Technical Communication Degrees (E24-07):
  - i. Change "Minor in Technical Communications" to "Minor in Technical and Professional Writing"
  - ii. Change "Certificate in Technical Communication" to "Certificate in Technical and Professional Writing"
  - iii. Addition of a "degree focus name" for the B.A. in English, "Technical and Professional Writing" (in Student Information System)

3. Revisions to Current Courses Approved

PLTS B201 (renamed BIOL B301) Introduction to the Plant Kingdom (E28-07)  
ZOOLOGY Z201 (renamed BIOL Z301)  
Introduction to the Animal Kingdom (E28-07)  
BIOL L201 (renamed BIOL L325) Ecological Principles (E28-07)

4. Courses Adopted from the Master Course Inventory

INFO-I 101 Introduction to Informations (E09-07)  
CMCL-C 405 Communication Theory (E14-07)  
CMCL-C 424 Communication Research (E15-07)  
EDUC-U 100 Threshold Seminar (E16-07)

5. New Policy

Policy for Jointly Offered Graduate/Undergraduate Courses (E17-07)

D. Work Left Unfinished

1. Minor in Informatics (approved by the Committee but not by the Senate)
2. Revisions of BS and AS in Business
3. Streamline Existing Course Adoption Procedure (ECAP) and provide examples.

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