Committee Members and Regular Guests

Chairperson: Andrew Przeworski (Mathematics)
Secretary: Nenad Radakovic (Teacher Education)
Faculty Members: Vivian Appler (Theater and Dance), Xi Cui (Communications), Tom Carroll (Health and Human Performance), Beatriz Maldonado (International Studies), Wayne Smith (Hospitality and Tourism Management), Ana Uribe (Physics and Astronomy), Anthony Varallo (English)
Other regular attendees: Mark Del Mastro (Academic Affairs), Katy Flynn (Academic Affairs administrative assistant), Mary Bergstrom (Registrar), Franklin Czwazka (Catalog Manager), Jerry Mackeldon (Assistant Registrar, Degree Works Specialist), Divya Bhati (Vice President, Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning), Simon Lewis (Speaker of the Faculty Senate)

Summary of Activities

The Curriculum Committee spent most of its time reviewing undergraduate curricular proposals, although it also participated in some policy discussions as well. Except for the organizational meeting to select the 2020-21 officers, all of the meetings were before the Covid-19 shutdown of the College, so were conducted in person.

Curriculum Changes

In 2019-2020, no degrees were created or deactivated. Two minors were created (Geoinformatics and Leadership for Sustainability). Two minors were terminated (Global Trade and Leadership, Change and Social Responsibility). One new certificate was created (Cultural Sustainability). New concentrations were created in International Studies (Global Studies) and Business Administration (Leadership for Sustainability). Two concentrations were deactivated, in International Studies (International Comparative Literature) and Business Administration (Leadership, Change and Social Responsibility).

The committee also approved 48 changes to existing majors and concentrations, 17 changes to minors, added 76 new courses, changed 153 courses, and deactivated 24 courses. For a detailed list regarding these approvals, see the spreadsheets prepared by Franklin Czwazka. For a summary of the committee’s discussion, see the meeting minutes prepared by Nenad Radakovic.
Policy Changes

The Curriculum Committee doesn’t create College policy, but was involved in some policy discussions that related to curriculum. These discussions were initiated and brought to the Senate by other committees. We voted to approve a revision to the policy regarding Bachelor’s Essays, making the courses more uniform across departments and bringing policy into closer alignment with the actual description of Bachelor’s Essays. We also approved a change to the wording of the policy regarding alternatives to the College’s Math/Logic General Education requirement for students with approved learning disabilities. The change makes clear that departments have flexibility in using the alternatives for purposes other than just the General Education requirements.

Election of 2020-2021 Officers and Scheduling Suggestions

The 2020-2021 committee met briefly on April 23, 2020 (via Zoom) to elect officers. Minutes were not kept at this meeting.

Nenad Radakovic was elected as Chair by unanimous vote. Beatriz Maldonado was elected as Secretary by unanimous vote.

2020-2021 Curriculum Committee Roster:

Nenad Radakovic, Chair (Teacher Education)
Beatriz Maldonado, Secretary (International Studies)
Vivian Appler (Theater and Dance)
Xi Cui (Communication)
Daniel Maroncelli (Mathematics)
Rebecca McClure (Library)
Matthew Nowlin (Political Science)
Tara Prakash (Art and Architectural History)
Brooke Van Horn (Chemistry and Biochemistry)

The new members also discussed the proposed schedule of meetings for 2020-21 and suggested some changes to resolve a scheduling conflict with the Committee on Graduate Education.

Record of Activity

Dates for the 2019-2020 Curriculum Committee Meetings and reports to Faculty Senate are listed below.
Curriculum Committee Meetings.
Eight meetings focused on consideration and approval of curricular proposals. Agendas and meeting minutes detail these activities. In addition, the 2020-2021 committee met on April 23, 2020 to elect officers. This is summarized above.

- September 13, 2019
- October 18, 2019
- November 15, 2019
- December 6, 2019
- January 17, 2020
- February 14, 2020
- March 6, 2020
- March 13, 2020
- April 23, 2020

Presentation of proposals at Faculty Senate meetings.
Proposals that were approved by the Curriculum Committee were presented to the Senate on the following dates.

- October 1, 2019
- November 5, 2019
- December 3, 2019
- January 14, 2020
- February 4, 2020
- April 7, 2020