

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT

2001-2002 MEMBERSHIP:

Susan Bender, Associate Dean of the Faculty  
Corey Freeman-Gallant  
Ann Henderson, Registrar  
Joseph Hodge  
William Lewis  
Eric Lewis – (Fall 2001 Chair)

Vasantha Narasimhan – Spring 2002 Chair  
Jon Ramsey, Dean of Studies  
Patricia Rubio  
Paul Sattler (Sabbatical, Fall 2001)  
Joanna Zangrando, Director of Liberal Studies  
Peter Kimmerling , Student Representative

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Curriculum Committee met a total of 21 times during the academic year 2001-2002. Below is a brief summary of the committee's actions.

- 41 new courses in various disciplines, ranging in credit hours from 1 to 4 were approved. Of these , 5 courses were approved as LS 2 courses.
- 82 revisions to existing courses were approved. These include changes in catalogue description , titles, pre-requisites, and semester hours.
- 12 courses were approved as fulfilling Cultural Diversity designation. Some of these were new courses and some were already existing courses.
- 5 courses from various disciplines were deleted from the catalogue.
- Environmental Studies (ES) major proposal was reviewed and brought to the floor of the faculty . The major was approved by the faculty unanimously.
- A minor program in Latin American Studies was approved.
- The reconfiguration proposal from the Theater Department was approved. This approval included addition of new courses, revisions to existing courses and deletion of some courses.
- One of the items on our agenda was the assessment of the reconfigured programs. Some members of CC met with Ann Ferren, the assessment specialist who visited the campus in March,2002. At the suggestion of Ann Ferren, , it was decided that it may be too early for a complete assessment of the reconfiguration right now. But CC will request the department Chairs for an informal evaluation of the effectiveness of the new 4 credit courses with respect to such aspects as: the effectiveness of the use of flexible fourth hour, the impact on student learning and faculty teaching processes, the impact on the preparation of students for upper level courses in the major, the impact on enrollments on other three credit courses in the major etc.
- Three guests participated in the CC meetings this semester. Lary Opitz from the Theater department was helpful in answering some issues raised by CC members with regard to the Theater reconfiguration proposal, especially the variable credit request for TH 250. Sue Layden outlined possible methods to assess reconfiguration and offered her help to CC in the assessment process. Cory Wilson of OIP Program discussed the need for a regular procedure for approval of "study abroad"courses. It was decided that the respective departments are the ones most qualified to review these courses in order to assess their equivalence to Skidmore courses and CC will eventually "sign off" on these approvals.

- MEMBERSHIP, 2002-2003:  
Mary Correa(2005)  
Sarah Goodwin, Associate Dean of the Faculty  
Ann Henderson, Registrar  
Joseph Hodge (2003)  
Kate Leavitt , (Replacement for Joanna Zangrando, Director of Liberal Studies)  
William Lewis (2003)  
Michael-Ennis McMillan(2005)  
Vasantha Narasimhan (2004)  
Jon Ramsey, Dean of Studies  
Paul Sattler –(2004) Chair 2002-2003  
Two student representatives, to be appointed

Respectfully submitted,  
Vasantha Narasimhan  
Chair, Curriculum Committee Spring 2002