

## **Curriculum Committee Annual Report 2009-2010**

### 2009-2010 Membership

Denise Limoli, Dance  
Pat Fehling, Exercise Science  
Timothy Harper  
Lisa Aronson  
Sylvia McDermott, Fall 2009  
Mary Campa, Spring, 2010  
Muriel Poston  
Michael Ennis-McMillan  
Ann Henderson  
Anita Harris  
Sadie Kitchen, Student Representative

The Curriculum Committee met on a weekly basis throughout the 2009-2010 academic year. During the year, the Curriculum Committee reviewed a total of approximately 169 proposals\*, which included 26 proposals for new courses; 43 proposal requests for revisions to academic majors and minors; 91 requests for “routine changes” in existing courses (including proposed changes in title, credits and prerequisites); and the review of approximately seven new or existing Scribner Seminars.

Significant among these proposals were proposed writing in the major requirements for 17 academic departments; the revision of the Women’s Studies major to Gender Studies; major revisions of the Art History and Sociology majors; and the elimination of a significant number of interdepartmental majors.

\*Note: The categories denoted above are not mutually exclusive.

The Curriculum Committee considered what might be considered several “curricular” issues during this academic year including:

- 1) Refining the Writing Requirement Review and Feedback Process.
- 2) FEC Committee Structure Final Recommendation.

In closing, I thank the members of the Curriculum Committee for their significant efforts and quality work over the past academic year. The committee supported my continued efforts to have stakeholders view the Curriculum Committee as a collegial partner in the review and approval of proposals. I believe that significant progress was made with respect to creating a more positive perception of the committee and its work.

I would also like to thank Jill Jones, from the Office of the Dean of Studies, for all the invaluable support she provided throughout the year. My gratitude is extended to Ann Henderson, Anita Harris and Michael Ennis-McMillan for their collaborative efforts and spirit during my two years as CC Chair.

I also would like to acknowledge Michael Marx's work as the Chair of the Self-Determined Major Subcommittee for the past three years. Michael and the SDMS made huge strides working with students and streamlining the SDM submission, internal and external communication and review processes. The newly created SDM website has been highly beneficial to prospective and current SDM students as well as faculty advisors. Finally, positive CC outcomes achieved the past two years can also be partly attributed to effective communication and positive interactions with Muriel Poston and Patricia Rubio in the DOF's office.

Lisa Aronson, Art History will chair the Curriculum Committee during the 2010-2011 academic year.

For more information regarding the Curriculum Committee, guidelines, proposal forms and submission deadlines, please refer to the CC website at [http://cms.skidmore.edu/curriculum\\_committee/](http://cms.skidmore.edu/curriculum_committee/).

Regards,

Tim Harper  
Curriculum Committee Chair, 2009=2010