

Curriculum Committee
Annual Report 2011-12

2011-2012 Membership

Lisa Aronson, Art History (Chair)

Alexander Brehm, '12 (Fall, '11)

Dave DeConno, Interim Registrar

Michael Eckmann, Computer Science

Corey Freeman-Gallant, Associate Dean of the Faculty for Academic Advising

Anna Graves, '14

Anita Harris, Registrar's Office

Larry Jorgensen, Philosophy

Sylvia McDevitt, Biology

Eric Morser, History

Paty Rubio, Associate Dean of the Faculty

Shirley Smith, Foreign Languages and Literatures

Matt Walsh, '13, Student Rep (Spring, '12)

The Curriculum Committee met on a weekly basis throughout the 2011-2012 academic year during which we reviewed 37 proposals for new courses, including 6 FYEs, 21 proposals for course changes, and 14 proposals for changes to majors and minors. We approved the elimination of one minor, Early Childhood Education, and approved three new ones: Arts Administration, Education Studies, and Intergroup Relations (IGR). We also eliminated one interdepartmental major, and have now approved Writing in the Discipline proposals for all of our majors and programs.

The Curriculum Committee also considered or resolved several curricular and committee-related matters:

- CC continued discussion with CEPP about their ever-evolving proposal to expand the "Cultural Diversity" category in our all-College requirements;
- CC member Eric Morser is currently serving on the CEPP sub-committee to revisit course caps;
- CC worked with Andy Camp and Dave DeConno to come up with a digital system that could eliminate the manual circulation and archiving of CC proposals. It was thought that Acalog could provide such a system. Determining now that it cannot serve our needs, CC will be looking into other options;
- At the request of the Self-Determined Majors Subcommittee, and supported by the Dean of the Faculty, the CC agreed to confer autonomy to it to become a Program. The faculty representation on the Program's advisory committee will be determined by FEC. The Program, like other interdisciplinary programs, will be headed by a faculty member.

- CC has been working on drafting Faculty Handbook guidelines for the approval/deletion of minors. Working with FEC, CC will present the new guidelines as a motion for a faculty vote sometime in the fall, 2012.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the Curriculum Committee for their hard and detailed work over the past academic year. I wish to thank Alex Brehm '12 for serving as SGA rep in the fall, and Anna Graves '14 and Matt Walsh '13 for stepping in to replace him in the spring. I wish to also thank Paty Rubio, Associate Dean of Faculty, Corey Freeman-Gallant, Associate Dean of Academic Advising, Dave DeConno, Interim Registrar, and Anita Harris from the Registrar's Office for their helpful contributions to the committee. Also, many thanks to Teresa Wagner from the DOF's office for her support, including processing the massive quantities of paperwork that are typically channeled through the DOF's office. Let me also thank our student assistant, Nenesi Ibru '12, for copying materials and delivering them to the appropriate faculty on a weekly basis.

I also would like to acknowledge Marla Melito, Director of the First Year Experience, for her pivotal role in seeing through the approval of new FYE proposals, Guiseppe Faustini, Chair of the Self- Determined Major Subcommittee, for vetting the many SDM proposals, and Jennifer Crewell, Skidmore's Web Development Coordinator, for her high level of professionalism in posting approved catalog copy. I wish to thank Larry Jorgensen (Philosophy) and Eric Morser (History), each of who are stepping down from the committee along with myself. Next year, CC welcomes back Mary Campa (Psychology), Shirley Smith (Foreign Languages), Michael Eckmann (Computer Science), and Sylvia McDevitt (Biology), the new CC Chair, as well as the two new committee members, Kenji Tierney (Anthropology) and Caroline D'Abate (Management and Business). 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/.

Regards,

Lisa Aronson, Curriculum Committee Chair, 2011-12