

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 1999-2000

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Curriculum Committee met a total of 27 times during the academic year 1999-2000. Four of those meetings were double-length and took place over winter break. In addition, CC held four extra meetings in conjunction with CEPP during the year. Also, the Self-Determined Majors Subcommittee met 5 times. And another subcommittee, the famous Reconfiguration Review Group (RRG) also met numerous times independent of CC itself! In short, it was the busiest year for CC in recent memory. A brief summary of the committee's actions follows.

1. 68 new courses were approved in various disciplines, ranging in credit hours from 1 to 4.
2. Of these 68, 13 courses were approved as LS 2 courses. Of these, 5 were conversions from "old LS" to new LS 2. One course was deleted from LS 2 and moved back to a discipline; one LS course was taught as HF; and two were converted to 4 credits.
3. 141 courses were revised in some way. Of these revisions, 1 fulfilled Arts B, 3 Society A, 2 Society B, 3 Writing-Intensive, 6 NW, 3 Nature A, 4 Nature B, 4 IA, 4 ES, 2 Law & Soc., 2 WS, 7 HF, and 2 QR2.
4. 36 courses were deleted from the Catalogue.
5. "Liberal Arts Credit" was redefined and made more inclusive and broad. CC's chair sent a memo out to all faculty on 1 Dec. '99 which noted, *inter alia*, that some students were finding themselves without enough "LA" credits to graduate. This problem stemmed from hazy, inconsistent, and even contradictory use and definition of "Liberal

Arts" over the years. CC's solution is not to define Liberal Arts, but rather to define more narrowly *non-liberal arts* as follows: *Non-liberal arts courses are those courses which focus more or less exclusively on a technical skill as an end in itself and apart from a theoretical framework or conceptual context.*" Hence many courses currently listed as non-liberal arts in the college catalogue should be reassessed and converted (through CC, of course) to Liberal Arts credit.

6. The following programs proposed reconfiguration plans during the year that were approved by CC: American Studies, Anthropology, Computer Science, Economics, Education Studies, English, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Religion, Social Work, and Sociology. Curriculum Committee will continue review of reconfiguration proposals in 2000-01, hoping to have the entire curriculum reconfigured by January 2001. Remaining programs should have their proposals in to CC by Dec. 15, 2000.

7. The programs and/or majors in item #6 above included revisions in mission statements, major requirements, minor requirements (where relevant), all interdepartmental majors and minors that these participate in, and other revisions of catalogue language.

8. CC approved changes in the Asian Studies and Chemistry minors.

9. CC approved requested changes in BI-CH major.

10. CC approved changes in the Women's Studies major and minor.

11. CC approved changing the name of the Geology Dept. to the Department of Geosciences.

12. CC approved new Mission Statements for Chemistry and Foreign Languages and Literatures.

13. CC's Self-Determined Majors Subcommittee met 5 times during the academic year. The SDM reports that 7 self-determined majors graduated. The SDM Subcom. also accepted 11 new SDM proposals and is currently reviewing 3 new ones. The subcommittee is comprised of Steven Frey (Chair), Phil Boshoff, Lynne Gelber, Paty Rubio (member of CC) and Jon Ramsey. Roy Rotheim will join the SDM Committee in the Fall of 2000. Steve Frey will chair again in Fall 2000, with Roy Rotheim taking over as chair in Spring 2001 (Steve will be on sabbatical)..

I would like to thank all of the members of Curriculum Committee for being so helpful and dedicated throughout an exceptionally busy and confusing year. Ann Henderson deserves and receives special thanks for, *inter alia*, maintaining and posting forms and revisions on the committee's web page. The committee's operating code, guidelines for all requirements, and forms can be found on our web page.

MEMBERSHIP, 2000-2001:

Susan Bender, Associate Dean of the Faculty
Pat Ferraioli - 2003
Hugh Foley (Chair) - 2001
Corey Freeman-Gallant - 2003
Ann Henderson, Registrar
Eric Lewis - 2001
Rob Linrothe - 2002 (on leave Spring 2001)
Jon Ramsey, Dean of Studies
Patricia Rubio - 2002
Joanna Zangrando, Director of Liberal Studies
Two student representatives, to be appointed

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Curriculum Committee