

Curriculum Committee 2025–2026 Annual Report

“This committee reviews curricular matters, especially individual course proposals and major and minor requirements, including the implementation of policies concerning all-college requirements. The committee may also consider curriculum questions brought before it by the faculty, students, and administration, and general recommendations concerning immediate and long-range curricular matters.” https://www.skidmore.edu/curriculum_committee/index.php

Faculty Membership:

Eric Morser, Chair (History)
Mary Kate Donovan (World Languages and Literature)
Eunice Ferreira (Theater)
Tom O’Connell (Computer Science)

Administration:

Corey Freeman-Gallant, Associate Dean of the Faculty (ADOF)
Dave DeConno, Registrar (ex officio)
Sharon Clemmey, Registrar’s Office (ex officio)
Shannon Melvin, Registrar’s Office (ex officio)

Student Representatives:

Sasha Stern, ’28 (Fall semester only)
Dajah Taylor, ’29 (Spring semester only, returning for the AY 2026-27)

Summary of Regular Business:

- The committee met 13 times during the Fall semester and 14 times during the Spring semester.
- The CC had a busy academic year. Members approved 108 proposals for new courses (including 17 new SSPs), course revisions, and major/minor program revisions. The committee also approved 109 routine revisions.
- The committee was fortunate to have two smart and hardworking student reps (Sasha Stern during the fall semester and Dajah Taylor, who stepped in during the spring semester and will be returning to serve on the CC next academic year). Both offered insightful perspectives during our weekly conversations.
- The CC continues to benefit from the knowledge and wisdom of three representatives from the Registrar’s Office: Dave DeConno, Sharon Clemmey, and Shannon Melvin. Shannon has been particularly helpful to the committee and faculty members who have questions about how to navigate CourseLeaf, the college’s course management system.
- The CC had a collegial and productive working relationship with the Dean’s Office, represented by ADOF Corey Freeman-Gallant. Corey’s knowledge of the curriculum, administrative issues, college policies, and pedagogical resources has been particularly valuable to our conversations.
- In the fall semester, Eric and Corey met with Rachel Roe-Dale, the Director of the First-Year Experience (FYE), to discuss how to help faculty members submit new FYE courses and streamline CC review of these submissions. In the end, the new procedures

put in place led to stronger FYE proposals, expedited the review, and the CC approved 17 new Scribner Seminars and 1 First-Year in London course.

- In the fall semester, the committee consulted with CEPP on expectations for Senior Coda classes to establish clear standards for course approval and in anticipation of the college's upcoming review of the general education requirement.
- The committee approved new language for the college's policy statement on Accommodating Students with Disabilities.
- In the spring, the CC conducted a review of classes with Liberal Arts designation.
- Eric and Corey collaborated with Kelly Sheppard (Professor of Chemistry and Faculty Director of Assessment) to answer questions about assessment of flexible 4th-credit hour courses as part of the Middle States Accreditation review.

Below is a breakdown of courses and changes approved by CC during the 2025-2026 academic year:

Regular New Courses	34
New Travel Seminars	2
New Scribner Seminars	17
New First-year London Program Courses	1
Substantial Course Revisions	34
Revisions to Major/Minor	20
Routine Revisions	109
Total Proposals Approved	217

Notes for the Upcoming Year:

- In 2026-2027, CC will consult with CEPP on a review of the Senior Coda general education requirement.
- The committee will continue to discuss Liberal Arts designated courses.

Next Academic Year 2026–2027 Curriculum Committee Voting Members:

Pre-Professional: Eunice Ferreira, Chair (Theatre)

Social Sciences: Rachel Cantave (International Affairs)

Humanities: Mary Kate Donovan (World Languages and Literatures)

Natural Science: Emily Le Sage (Biology) – one-year term

Dean's Office: Corey Freeman-Gallant (ADOF Student Academic Affairs)

Dajah Taylor ('29, Student Rep)

Respectfully submitted,

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Curriculum Committee, Chair