

UCC Report, 2016-2017 Academic Year

1. Overview

The UCC has 29 voting members, one from each academic department plus one each from Honors, Steely Library, University Programs and the three programs in SOTA, plus a non-voting student member and ex-officio members from the Office of the Registrar and the Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs. The UCC meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday September through April (except December which has a single meeting). The average attendance for the academic year was 76%.

2. Curriculum Changes Approved

Seven new full programs approved this year:

- BS Business Administration – moved several current Business BS programs under the BSBA to become tracks
- BA in Environmental Science
- BA Health Communication
- BS Health Informatics
- BS Mechatronics
- BS Neuroscience
- BS Radiation Therapy

Numerous new courses, new minors and curriculum changes (numbers approximate):

- Number of program changes: 124
- Number of program deletions: 4
- Number of new minors: 3
- Number of new courses: 154
- Number of course changes: 155
- Number of course deletions: 23

3. Other Efforts

- Migrated curriculum process to Curriculog.
- Defined policy for minors.
- Defined BA vs BS definition and difference between second major and double major.
- Some programs and minors were not properly listed in Acalog and had to be modified.
- Found that “transdisciplinary” has not been well-defined and may be used incorrectly in some catalog descriptions, formed a committee to work with Vice Provost Corbett to work on definition but that subcommittee never made any progress with the Vice Provost leaving the university.
- Approved a process whereby program and course changes that impact programs or courses outside of their college must submit a memorandum of understanding documenting that the changes were disseminated to those other program directors/department chairs.
- Worked out approval process for gen ed new courses and course changes with Gen Ed committee and Faculty Senate.
- Worked with registrar and VPUAA on new catalog deadline (moved to end of March).
- Had a UCC member serve on AAPC.

4. Expected Initiatives for 2017-2018

- The Memorandum of Understanding, while well-intentioned, was not used as intended. We need to get departments to be more communicative with other departments and colleges regarding planned program and course changes and new courses that might impact other programs.
- Updating Curriculog forms to correct errors and omissions.