

UCC Report, 2017-2018 Academic Year

1. Overview

The UCC has 29 voting members, one from each academic department plus one each from Steely Library, University Programs and the three programs in SOTA, 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 second March meeting was held on the 4th Thursday last year due to a conflict with Graduate Council. The April 5th meeting was canceled due to not having any pressing business. The average attendance for the academic year was 69% (a drop from 76% the previous year).

2. Curriculum Changes Approved

Two new degree programs and a certificate were approved:

- BS Nutritional Science and Dietetics
- BA Law
- Graduate Certificate in Clinical Research

Numerous new courses, course and program changes were approved (numbers approximate):

- Number of program changes: 138
 - Several programs in CoHP underwent significant changes
 - Honors program made numerous changes including the adoption of new courses that count in gen ed for honors students only
 - Many of the CoHP program changes and the Honors change were deemed substantive changes and required Faculty Senate approval
 - STA 212 was deleted, requiring changes in numerous programs and course prereqs
- Number of new courses: 223
- Number of course changes: 291
- Number of course deletions: 54
- Number of courses added to General Education: 12

3. Other Efforts

- Improved some of the forms in Curriculog, added a form for moving programs to an online format, created combined NOI/preproposal form for new programs*
- Created new UCC website and updated UCC informational material as needed*
- Attempted to define transdisciplinary so that programs could use it correctly when proposing or changing courses and programs. After some attempts, the attempt was abandoned, leaving it up to UCC members to use their best judgment.
- Updated curriculum manual as part of SACS report*
- Explored curricular-related issues regarding a possible shift from 16 to 15-week semesters, created a report for Faculty Senate Executive Committee
 - * - web site and Curriculog form efforts were largely handled by Connie Kiskaden, the curriculum manual updates was an effort by Idna Corbett, Abdou Ndoeye and Richard Fox

4. Expected Initiatives for 2018-2019

- Discussions will continue on attempts to improve the curriculum process.
- Curriculog forms will continue to be improved as errors, omissions and complicated instructions are found.

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