

UCC Report, 2020-2021 Academic Year

1. Overview

The UCC has 30 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 and January which each have a single meeting). The second March meeting is held on the 4th Thursday to avoid a conflict with Graduate Council. During the 2020-21 academic year, the meetings on 9/17/20, 10/1/20, 11/5/20 and 12/3/20 were converted into email votes as there was minimal business. Additionally, the meetings on 1/14/21 and 4/1/21 were canceled. One additional email vote was held on 5/7/21 to handle last-minute curricular items. All meetings during this academic year were held by zoom (aside from the email votes). The average attendance for the academic year was 73% (an increase from 69% the previous year) and 91% for the email votes.

Tom Baxter represented the UCC on AAPC. The college committee curriculum chairs were Mike Bush (COAS), Nancy Lang (COB), Steve Crites (COE), Shannon Alexander (COHHS), Richard Fox (COI). The UCC secretary was David Cain.

2. Curriculum Changes Approved

- New program approval: 4 new majors, 3 minors
 - BA in Education, Culture and Society
 - Doctorate of Occupational Therapy
 - MS in Cybersecurity
 - MS in Health Administration
 - Health Communication Minor
 - Interdisciplinary Honors Minor
 - Religious Studies Minor

- Other curricular changes approved (numbers are approximate):
 - Number of new tracks/concentrations/specializations: 1
 - Number of program changes (majors, minors, certificates): 110
 - Number of program (including track/certificate) deletions: 11
 - Number of programs moved online: 3
 - Number of new courses: 120
 - Number of course changes: 290
 - Number of course deletions: 51
 - Number of E-designator courses: 1
 - Number of S-designator courses: 12
 - Number of gen ed program changes: 3
 - Number of new gen ed courses: 1
 - Number of courses removed from gen ed: 2

- Other items approved:
 - Removing Faculty Senate from the curriculum process on new certificate programs.
 - Change to the gen ed approval process in that there is only one form to propose a new gen ed course rather than two.
 - Creation of the E-designator for service learning courses.

- 3. Updates to the curriculum process
 - Because of a change in the deadline for BOR agendas, new program proposals need to be approved through Faculty Senate by the end of January instead of the end of February. All other deadlines regarding the fall catalog remain the same (end of March).
 - New form created for mass but similar program changes (e.g., changing admissions standards for several programs, changing minimal grade/GPA requirement for a number of programs).

- 4. Expected Initiatives for 2021-2022
 - Creation of course SLO repository
 - Improvements to curriculum process

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