Annual Report of the Academic Program and Curriculum Committee

1976-77

The Academic Program and Curriculum Committee is made up of thirteen (13) voting members; three (3) from each University Division, one student elected by the student body, one member of the Dean’s Council appointed annually (ex-officio).

The Academic Program and Curriculum Committee held meetings approximately twice monthly scheduled on various days. When necessary, special meetings were held.

Review of Cultural and Technological Studies Program: As part of its ongoing review of special programs, the Academic Program and Curriculum Committee met with Director Raymond Merritt and requested him to inform the Committee in writing, after the next review, of any ineffective courses.

Community Education Audit: At the request of the School of Education and the Vice Chancellor’s office, the Academic Program and Curriculum Committee consented to audit and review the Community Education Department. An audit report was prepared by the ad hoc subcommittee chaired by Professor Michael Shurman and this report, with amendments, was accepted by the Committee and forwarded to the Vice Chancellor.

Revision of Criminal Justice Program: The Committee reviewed and approved a revision of the Criminal Justice Program, School of Social Welfare.

Evaluation of Administration: In October, 1976, the Committee sent a letter to the University Committee raising the issue. The University Committee responded with the recommendation that the Academic Program and Curriculum Committee establish a Task Force on Evaluation of Administration. In March, 1977, the Committee submitted a slate of nominees for the Task Force to the University Committee for final appointment.

Postponement of the Audit of Department of Dance: The Committee approved a request from the Department of Dance for postponement of the Academic Program and Curriculum Committee's audit currently underway.

Review of Inactive Courses: This project has been completed and a list of inactive courses prepared. The Committee sent letters and copies of the list to the appropriate schools and colleges, informing them of survey results and questioning the status of the courses.

Approval of Name Changes, Theatre Arts: In August, 1976, Chairman Lacktman approved a curricular area name change request from "Theatre Arts" to "Theatre". At a later date, the Committee approved a request from the School of Fine Arts for a change of name of the "Department of Theatre Arts" to "Department of Theatre" and in the name of the major from "B.F.A. in Theatre Arts" to "B.F.A. in Theatre".

Approval of Report of Task Force on Continuing Education Units (CEUs): The Committee reviewed the Report prepared by the Task Force (which was appointed by the University Committee) and approved it, forwarding it on to the Codification Committee.

Audit of Department of Art: The Audit Report prepared by the ad hoc subcommittee chaired by Professor Gareth Dunleavy was accepted by the Committee and forwarded to the Vice Chancellor.
Audit of Department of Music: The Audit Report prepared by the ad hoc subcommittee chaired by Professor Roland Stromberg was accepted by the Committee and forwarded to the Vice Chancellor.

Postponement of the Audit of Department of Theatre: The Committee approved the request of the Theatre Department for postponement of the audit until the new proposed program is implemented.

Film Program Courses: In December, 1976, the Committee forwarded eleven (11) new Film courses to the Augmented Film Faculty for review and re-approved for one-semester only. Film courses previously approved as a group for one-semester only in October, 1975, pending approval of the Film Program by the APC Committee. In March, 1977, the Committee approved the Film Department Curricula as a submajor within the B.F.A./Inter-Arts Major on an interim basis until December, 1977, contingent upon resolution of the Film Program. Tentative approval of the Film Program courses will be reconsidered by the Committee and a deadline date established.

Renumbering of Nursing Curricula: The Committee considered questions raised by the School of Nursing and recommended that they not renumber the old 136 credit curriculum and that they consult with the School of Education regarding a renumbering format, to be presented to the Committee in listed form.

Entitlements to Plan: The Committee contacted all deans by letter, requesting them to submit new undergraduate program proposals or modifications for review and priority rating.

Academic Program and Curriculum Committee Charter: After final consultation with the Codification Committee, the Charter revision was forwarded to the Faculty Senate where it was approved, with amendments, at the February 17, 1977, meeting.

Revision of Requirements for B.S./B.A. Degree, College of Letters and Science: The Committee approved the revision of requirements unanimously via written ballots.

Name Change, Electrical Science Option: The Committee approved the request from the College of Engineering and Applied Science for a change in the name of the 'Electrical Science' option to read 'Electrical Engineering'.

New Curricular Area Code #359: The Committee approved the non-departmental curricular area code #359 for the Ethnic Studies Major, College of Letters and Science.

Review of New Course Proposals: The Academic Program and Curriculum Committee continued its regular function of reviewing new course proposals for possible overlap or duplication. 47 new course proposals were affirmatively reviewed, 2 new course proposals necessitated further review because of pending problems.

Academic Program and Curriculum Committee

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