ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM COMMITTEE, 1971-72

Membership: The Committee consists of thirteen (13) voting members; three (3) from each University Division, one student appointed annually by the President of Student Government, one member of the Dean’s Council appointed annually (ex-officio).

Functions: The Committee reviews academic programs and curricula with regard to broad questions of relationships of courses to each other and to existing and proposed curricula.

The Committee, which was activated in October of 1970, spent the fall 1971-72 semester developing a format of operation. This was decided upon by January of 1972, and a series of official operational documents were then issued to all deans, department chairmen and course and curriculum chairmen under a cover letter from the University Committee. These documents provided filing forms and operation guidelines for faculty and committee interaction with the Academic Program and Curriculum Committee.

During the Spring 1971-72 semester, the Committee began to operate according to its charge of broad review. It further began to develop the project of computerizing the initial review process via a key word index system. In this system each University course would be reduced to a series of key words and stored on magnetic tape. When a new course is proposed, then, it can be reduced to its key words and the computer can search all University courses for courses with the same or similar key words. The computer results can then be hand-checked for duplications or conflicts of interests. It is anticipated that this system can begin operation in the spring of 1973.

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