RECOMMENDATION OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURES FOR ASSIGNING CURRICULAR AREA TITLES AND NUMBERS

Introduction:

Heretofore, the assignment of curricular area numbers and titles has been regarded as little more than an administrative detail. Recent developments suggest, however, that curricular codes are becoming more significant to both administrators and faculty. In the first instance, Central Administration has begun to use these codes as units in its cost and performance analysis; and in the second instance, the proliferation of area codes poses curriculum policy questions that should be of concern to the faculty.

Under existing procedures, curricular areas are assigned by the Secretary of the Faculty upon the request of academic deans. Wide variations exist in what might be encompassed by a given number. The range is from a whole school granting a bachelor's and graduate degrees (216-Business Administration), to a department within a school or college with a major (736-Philosophy, Letters and Science) to a small collection of courses (164-Arabic), to one course (092-Contemporary Trends). A department may contain two or more curricular areas, or one curricular area may cut across several academic departments. At the latest count, 86 curricular areas had been assigned by the Secretary of the Faculty.

While individual courses and programs will be approved by course and curriculum committees, no unit of the faculty is involved in the decision of whether a particular configuration of courses should constitute a curricular area. In view of the increased importance of such designations, the Academic Program and Curriculum Committee tenders the following recommendation.

Recommendation:

That requests for the assignment of curricular area numbers and titles, or requests for modifications in existing numbers or titles, shall be directed to the Secretary of the University by deans of schools and colleges. The Secretary of the University shall grant the requested assignment after a review by and upon the approval of the Academic Program and Curriculum Committee.

Academic program and Curriculum Committee

R. Balmer
A. Becker
D. Edelstein, Student
W. Halloran, ex-officio
D. Layde
M. Levy
M. Meyer

M. Miller
L. Muskatevc
B. Peltola
A. Rosenblatt
R. Scheurell
M. Summers, Chairman
S. White