

Date: May 1, 1996
To: Faculty Senate

From: Carol Merz, Chair
Curriculum Committee

Re: 1995-96 report

The curriculum committee has finished its activities for the year and I am attaching the Disposition of Agenda. You will see that we completed twelve curriculum reviews and approved three new programs. We approved a number of core courses as listed on the second page.

I would like to call your attention to two items in the carry-over business from last year: first we approved the syllabi English 101 as meeting Communication I core guidelines and be approved a revised curriculum for the School of Business. Both of these were major tasks and were accomplished through the diligent work of committee members and the great cooperation of the English and Business Faculties.

In my conversation with you earlier this year we discussed reviewing the procedures of the curriculum committee. To this end, we reviewed and revised the department self-study document as was our charge this year. Since this was completed so late in the year, it is our intent that departments being reviewed next year be able to choose the old or the new review document by which to frame their responses. We did not revise, nor did we reaffirm, the internal memo "Introduction to the Curriculum Committee" since it was written quite recently. Neither did we develop new policy about the issue of whether department members should serve on the subcommittee reviewing their own departments. If the senate wishes the curriculum committee to consider this issue, it should be added to next year's agenda.

Next year the curriculum committee is scheduled to review seven department and consider guidelines for Communication I Core. The latter item is part of the Communication I review carried over from last year; you may remember that last year, in moving to five year reviews, the fifth year was devoted to reviewing the guidelines and the courses approved for each core area. This year the subcommittee worked all year on the English 101 review and formulated several topics for discussion with regard to the guidelines. The Curriculum Committee ran out of time before being able to discuss them. We intend to carry over this topic to next year.

I want to express my thanks to the faculty who worked so hard on the Committee this year and to the Associate Dean and her staff for their support of this faculty effort.

Curriculum Committee

Disposition Of 1995-1996 Agenda

I. Curriculum Reviews

- 10/31/95 Occupational Therapy curriculum review approved.
- 11/14/95 Physical Therapy curriculum review approved.
- 1/31/96 Mathematics and Computer Science curriculum review approved.
- 1/31/96 Learning Center curriculum review approved.
- 1/31/96 Study Abroad curriculum review approved.
- 2/14/96 Learning, Teaching, and Leadership emphasis in the MEd degree approved. (Replaced Improvement of Instruction emphasis)
- 2/14/96 Psychology curriculum review approved.
- 2/14/96 Geology curriculum review approved.
- 2/21/96 Politics and Government curriculum review approved.
- 2/28/96 Dual Degree Engineering curriculum review approved.
- 3/6/96 Pastoral Counseling track of the Counseling emphasis in the MEd degree approved.
- 4/10/96 Classics curriculum review approved.

II. New Programs

- 11/7/95 Minor in Latin American Studies approved.
- 2/7/96 Willamette University program in Ecuador and the CIEE program in Chile as University of Puget Sound-sponsored programs approved on a two-year trial basis.
- 3/20/96 Minor in African-American Studies approved.

III. Holdover business from 1994-1995

- 11/14/95 The following courses reaffirmed for inclusion in the Communication II, Option A Core: CTA 101, CTA 202, CTA 204
- 11/21/96 ENGL 267 reaffirmed for the Fine Arts Core
- 2/7/96 ENGL 255, Introduction to Shakespeare, reaffirmed for the Humanistic Perspective Core.
- 4/3/96 Approved the syllabi for English 101 sections as meeting Communication I core guidelines.

School of Business revised curriculum.

- 11/7/95 Curricular overview (framework) approved for the liberal arts program in Business.
- 11/21/95 The three business foundation courses, BPA 210, 211, 212 approved on a two-year provisional basis.
- 2/7/96 minor in Business Administration approved on a two-year provisional basis.
- 2/7/96 approval of BPA 320, 321, 322, 323, 324 on a two-year provisional basis.
- 2/14/96 BPA 360, 416, 417, and 490 approved on a four-year basis
- 2/21/96 Business Leadership Program approved on a two-year provisional basis.
- 3/20/96 Removed BPA 385, Paradigms of Leadership, as a requirement for BLP and placed it on an elective list.
- 4/3/96 Approved the revised Computer Science/Business major on a two-year provisional basis.

IV. On-going business

Academic Calendar

10/10/96 The 1996-1997 Academic Calendar (Complete) and the 1999-2000 Academic Calendar (Basic Dates) approved.

Action on core courses

11/7/95 LAS 100, Latin American Studies, approved for the International Studies Core.

12/5/95 EDUC 110. Contact Zones: Ways of Being, Knowing, and Writing at the University, approved for the Communication I Core.

12/5/95 HIST 100A, Discovering Nature: A Freshman Seminar in Writing, approved for the Communication I Core.

12/5/95 HIST 100B The History of Exploration: A Freshman Seminar in Writing, approved for the Communication I Core.

12/5/95 HON 214, Society, re-approved for the Society Core.

12/5/95 REL 220, Fundamental Issues in Western Religious Thought, approved for the Humanities Perspective Core.

1/24.96 PHIL 390, Feminism and Philosophy, approved for the Comparative Values core.

2/7/96 REL 360, Moral Vision in the European Novel, approved for the Comparative Values core.

2/14/96 REL 104, Introduction to the Western Religious Tradition, approved for the Historical Perspective Core.

2/21/96 HUM 110, Legends of the Fall, approved for Communication I Core.

2/21/96 HUM 111, Utopia, Anti-Utopia, approved for Communication I Core.

2/21/96 PHIL 100A, The Nature of Nature, approved for Communication I Core.

2/21/96 ECON 152, Economics of Social Issues approved for the Society Core.

3/20/96 PG 341, Modern Political Theory, approved for International Studies Core.

4/3/96 SCXT 325, Science and Policy, approved for Science in Context Core for a two-year period.

4/24/96 REL 107, Human Nature and Ethics, re-approved for the Humanistic core for a two-year period.

V. Other Curricular Business

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| 9/19/95 | Approved the draft of a brief handout for faculty explaining the evolution of the proposal for a freshman course. |
| 2/21/96 | Approved Physics department request to defer its curricular review until 1996-1997. |
| 3/20/96 | Approved Comparative Sociology department request to defer its curricular review until 1997-1998. |
| 4/3/96 | Approved the memorandum to be sent to the Academic Standards Committee providing interpretation of the prerequisite requirement for Science in Context courses. |
| 4/24/96 | Approved revision of the Departmental Self-Study document. |

VI. Business to be carried over to 1996-1997

Re-examination of the Communication I core guidelines.

VII. Departmental reviews scheduled for 1996-1997

Asian Studies
Chemistry
Foreign Languages
History
Philosophy
Physics
Internship Program