University Curriculum Committee (UCC) AY 2020-21 Report

Charge: Review and recommend approval or disapproval of new, modified, or discontinued programs and courses to ensure that the academic standards of the university are met in accordance with the university strategic plan and system-wide and campus policies; Review and recommend action on appeals of college curriculum related decisions; Review and recommend action on proposals returned to the originating unit for revisions or additional information by off-campus approval bodies; Identify curricular policy issues to be referred to the Educational Policies Committee of the Academic Senate.

UCC Voting Members:

• Carolyn Caffrey Gardner, Chair
• Wendy Vermeer, Program Review Panel • Angela Mancias, General Education • Adriean Mancillas, Grad Council
• Sam Russo, Education Policy Committee • Matt Mutchler, USLOAC
• Brian Gregor, Academic Senate Rep., Fall 2020
• Maria Avila, Academic Senate Rep., Spring 2021

UCC Non-voting Members:

• Kim Costino, Dean, Undergraduate Studies
• Ken O'Donnell, Vice Provost
• Lilli Sanchez, Academic Programs
• Cenap Ilter, CBAPP
• Edward Currameng, COE
• Lynda Wilson, CEIE
• Laura Outland, CHHSN
• Randy Cauthen, CAH
• Maria Hurtado-Ortiz, CNBS • Maggie Clarke, Library
• Lola White, ASI
• Joseph Wen, Instructional Dean Representative
• Tracey Haney, Academic Programs • John Price, Interim Dean, Graduate Studies
• Cynthia Turner, Articulation Officer

Meetings: UCC met the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 10-12pm on Zoom.

Proposals Reviewed: Reviewing curriculum proposals is the primary function of the UCC committee and our committee members are very engaged with the process. Members review proposals in advance where they answer key questions about the proposal and write other notes on a Google Sheet. As of this writing (with one more meeting left), we have reviewed 96 proposals and approved the following:

• 3 New Programs
  o These new programs include the MS in Accounting, Minor in Creative Writing, and M.S. HEA: Environmental Health & Disaster.
• 1 discontinued program
• 10 Program Modifications
• 68 Course proposals (1 discontinuation, 41 new courses, 27 course modifications) were approved by their respective College Curriculum Committees and signed by the UCC Chair.
• The committee also adjudicated a College Curriculum Committee Appeal.

Discussion and Other Actions: Academic Programs (Tracey & Lilli) and the UCC Chair met with each College Curriculum Committee to review new forms, orient proposers to the curriculum review website, and answer any questions about the curriculum review process. Tracey & Lilli also held bi-weekly office hours for
any proposers with questions on curriculum in addition to usually scheduled meetings with proposers. UCC discussed proposed changes to ethnic studies as a result of AB1460 and information from the Chancellor’s Office. The UCC Chair provided feedback on a resolution modifying the GE area requirements revising the placement of integrative studies in the areas. UCC also provided feedback on the proposed EPC Resolution 21-15 Program Discontinuance. Finally, we received updates on Leepfrog’s CourseLeaf Curriculum Management Software and its procurement. In November 2020, the contract was finalized after unanticipated delays, pushing back the original timeline by one semester. The new catalog from Leepfrog launched in April 2021. Now that the catalog is built, the curriculum review module (CIM) can be built out with IT. We expect it to launch for proposers for Spring 2022 for a fully online curriculum review process.

**2021-22 AY Priorities:** Review all outstanding proposals for the academic year, provide feedback on Leepfrog implementation, provide feedback on resolutions as needed. I don’t anticipate any resolutions originating from UCC at this time.

Many thanks to committee members for their hard work!

Report prepared by Carolyn Caffrey Gardner, 05/10/2021