

Academic Senate Curriculum Committee
Report, Winter 2010

Well another quarter of Boundless Excitement!
The Chair had trouble containing himself!

We met for ten times for a total of 20 hours. The Chair met with and talked to multiple people and groups outside of these meetings. It is very time consuming being so popular!

The MS in Fire Protection Engineering was agendized in the Senate, and after much uninformed debate passed.

The Stem Cell Engineering MS concentration in BMED was discussed multiple times, approved, then was discovered to have 3 new courses in the abbreviated version written for the Senate that we had not seen, so it was returned to BMED with prejudice. The BIO and ASCI departments are working on parallel proposals, and consideration of any of them has been halted until they all get their acts together.

The Change of major proposal was discussed in great detail, meetings and forums were held, and the Chair sheperded the final proposal through the Senate to everyone's' relief.

The concept of Continuous Review was abandoned, much to the aggravation of the Chair. We will be back to two year catalog cycles on the insistence of the Registrar. Catalog deadlines were set for the 2011 catalog, and announcements made. There was some push-back.

Much discussion was held on the appeals process for curriculum and GE proposals, and a proposal is being polished by the Senate Chair.

There was discussion of UNIV classes. The administration of these is not working well, and we are looking for ideas for improvement.

Susan Olivas joined the committee as the new Associate Registrar for Scheduling and Curriculum. The transition to the new responsibilities the Registrar has for curriculum, and the fewer that Academic Programs has, has been confused.

Discussion began for a requirement of continuous enrollment of students who have not finished their senior project, similar to the requirement for graduate students. The Chair is working on a proposal.

The Course Proposal Form was reviewed, and after much discussion over several meetings, improved!

CSC 123, AERO 425 and 517, SS 131 were recommended and approved in the Senate.

Advisor Approved Electives, their elimination, and their partial reinstatement were discussed almost endlessly. There will be an electronic work flow for AAEs instituted soon for departments who are retaining them.

Several ASCI proposals for senior project courses and CSC 105 were given their initial review, and sent back to their departments with questions.

The proposal to modify the MBA so that a portion of it will be taught in Santa Barbara, some by distance learning, was carefully discussed and sent to the Senate.

UNIV 491 was given its initial review, beaten up pretty badly, and sent back for more work.

These reports seem to get longer and longer.

It is probably getting to be time for the Chair to retire.

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