

Academic Senate Curriculum Committee
Report
Spring Quarter, 2008

The committee chair was officially on his sabbatical leave this quarter, but managed to attend all but 3 meetings this quarter. In his absence, Dr Lynn Moody ably handled his tasks.

During this quarter the MS in Polymers and Coatings proposal was agendized and passed the Senate.

The MA in Biological Sciences proposal was evaluated, reworked, and will be presented to the Senate office this summer for agendizing in the fall.

The committee finished the Diversity Learning Objectives and they were approved by the Senate after much discussion and review.

The procedure for Continuous Review of new courses was finalized and twenty-four new course proposals were evaluated by the committee and approved by the Senate.

Much time was spent discussing changes to the USCP requirement. Outside input was gathered, several committee members including the chair wrote proposals, Cheryl Ney gave a presentation on the NSSE diversity data, and a survey was created and administered to three USCP classes to discover their mastery of the diversity learning objectives. This data will be collated this summer, and a further survey instrument will be created with help from the campus assessment group, to be used in the fall. After that a task force will be created to use this data to create a proposal for curricular requirements to replace the current USCP requirement. Existing USCP courses will be evaluated using the new criteria and assessment tools.

Another busy quarter, with a much busier one coming up in the fall.

The Senate in its wisdom reappointed the current chair.

David W. Hannings
Chair