

Academic Senate Curriculum Committee
Report
Spring Quarter, 2009

Well things were a bit quieter after the catalog and diversity work was finished. The catalog is printed and in the hands of fewer people this year.

We had a look at the Master of Professional Studies in Disaster Management and Homeland Security proposal. We sent it back for more detail and to be sent to the CAFES and CENG for comment. The CAFES Graduate Studies Committee has reviewed it and sent it to their college committee with many comments. This one could take some time.

We reviewed the proposal from the Horticulture and Crop Science Department to consolidate their three degrees into one, and the committee sent it back to the department requesting that it be done as a new degree proposal, even though the Chancellor's Office will accept it as a change proposal. The chair was not able to have his way with the committee. That will return in the fall.

Several courses were approved through Continuous Review: HIST 100, SCM 302, GSA 551, GS 597, ART 370, but GS 597 will not be approved by the Senate until this week. UNIV 360, God and Nature was sent back for revision, and will be discussed in the fall.

Because of the new ideas about curriculum from the Provost, the catalog cycle scheduled to start in the fall will be delayed a year to allow for more general curriculum discussions next year.

We will attend the Senate curriculum retreat in the fall, and actively participate in the curriculum discussions after that.

Since the 2009-2011 catalog will be a three year catalog we will discuss Continuous Review in the fall further, to see how much we can expand what qualifies for that process.

There will be a push to make the departments and colleges take more responsibility for the quality of their curriculum work, and we will be all for that! We should not have to fix grammar, spelling, etc in their proposals.

The chair nominated the committee for the President's Diversity Award, for the work with the Diversity Learning Objectives and new USCP requirements, but we are not expecting to receive it. Doing the right thing will have to be reward enough.

We look forward to a restful summer.

More or less respectfully submitted, 1 June, 2009

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