

ACADEMIC SENATE – CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Winter 2016

Due: Wednesday, March 30, 2016

MEMBERS	
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CHARGES	
Charge	Status/Notes
Examine impact of Quarter Plus courses (in tandem with GEGB). Spring 2016	Met individually with Brian Tietje to discuss. Meeting scheduled with GE Chair 4/5/16.
Explore “course renewal” cycle (in tandem with GEGB). Spring 2016	Meeting scheduled with GE Chair 4/5/16.
Distinction between units/departments.	This charge was rescinded.
Ongoing review of curriculum proposals.	See below.
Discuss double counting courses.	Some further discussion on minors (see below). Waiting on further database inquiries and analysis.

NOTES:

The committee met in person on Jan 7, Jan 21, Feb 4, Feb 17, and Mar 10. The ASCC Chair and/or representatives from the registrar’s office met with the College Curriculum Committees from CSM, Undergraduate OCOB, and Graduate OCOB.

The committee reviewed a number of courses and programs, which are summarized below and continually updated at <http://registrar.calpoly.edu/status-proposals>

2015 – 2016 Review

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED BY ACADEMIC SENATE				
Program Name or Course Number, Title	ASCC recommendation/ Other	Academic Senate	Provost	Term Effective
CE 425 Introduction to Railway Engineering (4), 4 lectures	Reviewed 2/26/16; additional information requested from department. Recommended for approval 3/10/16.	On consent agenda for 4/12/16 meeting.		
ENGR 301 Engineering Professional Success (1), 1 activity	Reviewed 2/26/16; additional information requested from department. Recommended for approval 3/10/16.	On consent agenda for 4/12/16 meeting.		
JOUR 320 Cal Poly Radio Laboratory (1), 1 laboratory	Reviewed 1/21/16; additional information requested from the department. Recommended for approval 2/18/16.	On consent agenda for 4/12/16 meeting.		
UNIV 100 First Year Seminar (1), 1 lecture	Reviewed 1/7/16; additional information requested. Recommended for approval 3/10/16.	On consent agenda for 4/12/16 meeting.		

ITEMS PENDING RECOMMENDATION BY ACADEMIC SENATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE				
Program Name or Course Number, Title	ASCC recommendation/ Other	Academic Senate	Provost	Term Effective
BIO 509 Graduate Seminar in Communicating Biology to General Audiences (1), 1 activity	Reviewed 3/10/16; additional information requested from department.			
BUS 220 Basics of Business for Entrepreneurs (4), 4 lectures	Reviewed 2/26/16; additional information requested from department.			
BUS 313 Customer Development (4), 4 lectures	Reviewed 2/26/16; additional information requested from department. Reviewed 3/10/16; additional information requested from department.			
BUS 389 Introduction to Business Negotiation for Entrepreneurs (4), 4 lectures	Reviewed 2/26/16; additional information			

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	requested from department.			
CHEM 418 Neurochemistry (3), 3 lectures	To be reviewed.			
CRP 325 Biking, Walking and the City (4), 4 lectures, GE D5	Reviewed by GE Governance Board; additional information requested from the department.			
CRP 456 Web Technologies for Planning (2), 2 lectures	Reviewed 3/10/16; additional information requested from department.			
Entrepreneurship minor	Reviewed 2/18/16; additional information requested from the college.			
SS 111 Soils in Environmental and Agricultural Systems (4), 3 lectures, 1 activity, GE B5	Reviewed by GE Governance Board; additional information requested from the department.			

NEW DEGREE PROGRAM PENDING APPROVAL BY PROVOST AND CHANCELLOR S OFFICE

Program Name	ASCC recommendation/ Other	Academic Senate	Provost/ Pres	C.O./ WASC	Term Effective
M.S. Architectural Engineering (elevate program from Architectural Engineering specialization in M.S. Architecture)	Reviewed 2/4/16; additional information requested from the department. Recommended for approval 2/11/16.	Recommended for approval 3/1/16.			
M.S. Taxation (elevate program from Tax specialization in M.S. Accounting)	Reviewed 1/7/16; additional information requested from the college. Recommended for approval 2/4/16.	Recommended for approval 3/1/16.			

Other Discussion Topics:

The committee was asked if a course with “laboratory” in its name could be offered as an activity. The ASCC decided that this was not acceptable and that course names should reflect the content and mode of the course.

A special topics course, NR470, requested that a required field trip be offered during exam week. This was not approved, and the proposer found that it is acceptable to offer the field trip the week after finals (the option to not take this lab portion of the course was given to the students). Risk management was consulted and said that this was allowable: according to Melissa Swanson in Risk Management, a field trip for a class may occur during a quarter break with the appropriate forms completed and risk management procedures in place. Information is found on the Administration & Finance website with [Field Trip and Activity Information](#). There was some concern over workload issues, but it was decided that the WTUs assigned for the Spring quarter were essentially being “delayed” by one week.

Double counting courses between majors and minors was also conducted, and individual meetings were held with faculty in English and in Agriculture. We will continue to investigate this issue in the Spring and plan to propose a resolution at the end of the quarter.