

ANNUAL REPORT

University Standing Committee: **Courses & Curricula**
Academic Year Covered by Report: **2009-2010**
Date Report Submitted: **May 30, 2010**
Report Submitted by: **David W. Parish, Chair**
Number of times committee met: **15 two-hour meetings**

RECOMMENDATIONS

Due to scheduling conflicts and attendance issues, which occur with the student representatives, as well as not having representatives assigned to those seats until late in the year, the committee decided to not count the student seats when establishing the quorum. However, we were pleased to have a somewhat active student presence this year. It is recommended that students be assigned as early as possible.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE

Thank you to members for their diligence in review of the actions brought forward to the committee and efforts in addressing issues that impact the students and making related recommendations for improvement. The committee had a total of 24 voting members including 3 students and 1 ex-officio member. Committee members were again appointed from every college with undergraduate programs as recommended in 2008-2009 annual report. The committee was composed as follows:

- At least 1 member each from each College: First Year College, Textiles, Design, Natural Resources, Education, and Management,
- At least 2 members each from the largest colleges: CHASS, CALS, CoE, PAMS,
- At least 1 member each representing: Student Affairs (PE), DELTA, University Libraries, Registration and Records, and Faculty Senate.
- One member from the college represented by the Chair (CoE)
- At least 3 student representatives, including a graduate student and a student senate representative.

The membership and its quorum worked proficiently each meeting period. With the implementation of the new GEP in 2008-2009, this rotation was not as active as last year's committee. However, we did review, make recommendations, and process a total of 358 actions. Although this was half as many actions as the previous year, the committee was heavily involved in its weekly proceedings. These actions included:

- 273 course actions
- 85 curricular actions with noted approval of:

- BS in Fashion and Textile Design (new degree)
- BS in Agricultural Science (Distance Education proposal)
- BS in Environmental Science (significant revision)
- BS Environmental Technology (title change)
- Other curriculum/program actions comprised of:
 - 2 new certificates
 - Animal Nutrition
 - General Horticulture
 - 2 new concentrations
 - BS Nutrition Science-Applied Nutrition
 - BS Agricultural Extension Education-Youth Leadership
 - 1 new academic minor in Sports Management
- Other business included:
 - At the recommendation of a committee member, a subcommittee was convened to perform an in-depth examination of the terms “laboratory” versus “studio” as there was no standard definition for these terms and it was important to identify the difference because of the varying contact hours for the two categories and their relationship to credit earned which is important in course and curriculum planning. This subgroup drafted a set of proposed definitions that were reviewed and approved by the full committee. See UCCC 2-24-2010 minutes.
 - Review of proposed Korean Campus initiative.
 - Notification of Dual Degree Agreements in Wood and Paper Science between NCSU and Finland and German Institutes.

Next Year:

- Dr. Andy Hale, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, was elected Chair-elect for 2009-2010, and shall serve as Chair for 2010-2011.