

UW-Whitewater University Handbook

University Curriculum Committee

FUNCTION

1. To carry on a continuing study of the curricular needs of the University, the areas of greatest growth, and the ways in which the offerings of the University meet the state objectives.
2. To study curricular trends as they are revealed in current research and to make recommendations to appropriate bodies.
3. To initiate and develop, and to reexamine periodically, in consultation with other appropriate faculty bodies, curricular proposals which affect the entire university, e.g., the general studies program, interdisciplinary courses, and the like.
4. To evaluate and recommend priorities among proposals for undergraduate programs for which the university seeks entitlement to plan.
5. To approve new courses, new areas, new majors and minors, course revisions, courses recommended for fulfilling the writing proficiency requirement, the design for diversity requirement and the general studies program, with attention to:
 1. whether a proposal is appropriate to the University's missions.
 2. whether the proposal deserves approval on its merits.
 3. whether there is a need for the curricular action proposed.
 4. whether, in light of audit and review reports, accreditation study reports, and other relevant information, the sponsor of the proposal can carry it out effectively.
 5. whether staffing, facilities, and present and anticipated funds for supplies, equipment, and capital goods are adequate to carry out the proposal, and whether library and other academic support services and resources are or can be made adequate to the needs of the proposal.
 6. What the curricular consequences of the staffing and budgeting of the proposal will be (that is, what other courses will be dropped, or offered less often, or received less budgetary support as a result of approval of the proposal), and whether these consequences are acceptable.
6. To receive for purposes of information or appeal in case of objection reports of action by the various college curriculum committees, involving such matters as the deletion of courses and changes in course number, title, credit, or prerequisites.
7. To receive and resolve appeals from college curriculum committees and other groups regarding curricular actions.
8. To develop procedures for review of curricular proposals.
9. To make regular reports of its recommendations to the Faculty Senate and to inform college curriculum committees, departments, colleges, and University academic administrators of its recommendations.
10. To make at least an annual report of all actions not included in its monthly reports to the Faculty Senate, with copies to the Academic Development Committee, the Faculty Budget Committee, the Audit and Review Committee, the Academic Affairs Staff, and the college curriculum committee.

MEMBERSHIP

Three members from each of the four colleges of the University. Members of the University Curriculum Committee shall be elected from the membership of each College Curriculum Committee. The method of selection will be decided on by the faculty of each of the separate colleges. The Associate Vice Chancellor shall serve as an ex-officio member and shall normally be chairperson of the University Curriculum Committee.

TERM

Two years.

To preserve continuity, each College Curriculum Committee shall elect membership for the University Curriculum Committee on an alternating basis.

Note: The membership election shall be for one faculty member during one year; and two faculty members the second year, etc.



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