

CLAS Curriculum Committee: 2015-2016 Report

The CLAS Curriculum Committee reviews curricular proposals for New Courses, Course Changes, Program Changes, New Programs, and Certificate programs for units within CLAS. The goal of the committee is to provide constructive feedback to authors so that their proposals make it through subsequent levels of review with little trouble. Members of the committee represent a wide array of disciplines across CLAS allowing for a broad range of perspectives and a comprehensive review of proposals. CCC members are committed to assisting authors in making the best possible case for their proposed curricular changes. The CCC works closely with the CLAS Dean's Office as well as CLAS advising to ensure that proposed curricular changes will meet the needs of students, departments across CLAS, and the interests of the University.

At the time of this report (2015-2016), CCC has reviewed 78 course change proposals, 31 new course proposals, 25 program change requests, and 1 new certificate proposal for a total of 135 proposals. There are currently 47 proposals pending in the system including a large package of 36 French curriculum proposals. Our intent is to review all currently pending proposals before the end of the semester.

Of note this year were several large program change packages reviewed by the committee, including proposals from Geology, Classics, and Geography as well as a restructuring of the elementary and secondary Group Social Studies curricula. In each of the cases mentioned, the CCC was impressed by the efforts of departments to better align their curricula with standards within their respective disciplines and to clarify coursework expectations for their students. This academic year, the CCC also prioritized review of Issues Courses by moving these proposals to the top of the queue for consideration.

The CCC would like to thank Roxanne Mol in the Dean's Office for her assistance throughout the year. She routinely manages CCC documentation on Blackboard for the committee's review and also arranges much appreciated refreshments for the committee at each meeting. Additional thanks to both Janel Pettes Guikema, our Interim Assistant Dean of Curriculum in Fall 2015, and Associate Dean Kevin Tutt for each serving in the capacity of ex-officio members to the committee this year.

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Report respectfully submitted by Beth Gibbs, Chair, CLAS Curriculum Committee on March 15, 2016.