UCC Final Report for the 2022-2023 Academic Year

The University Curriculum Committee (UCC) consists of eight Academic Senate appointed faculty and three ex-officio members from Academic Affairs. The UCC members are very dedicated as shown by the committee always achieving a quorum for action at all meetings during the academic year. The UCC is a group of diverse and talented faculty who are dedicated to making Ferris State University better through curriculum. The committee enthusiasm is evident by the number of members who have sought reappointments to the committee. I am humbled to be the servant leader of this incredible group.

UCC Members:

Representative	Department
Mari Kermit-Canfield	Librarians and Counselors
David Bright	Pharmacy
Rusty Leonard, Chair	**Col. Engr. Technology**
Emily Zyla	Col. Health Professions
Alex Manga	Optometry, Out of College
Katherine Harris	Col. Arts & Sciences
Mark Thomson	Senate Rep
Kasey Thompson	Business
Mandy Seiferlein, Ex-Officio	Academic Affairs
Eric Haner, Ex-Officio	Registrar's Office
Bob Griffith, Ex-Officio	MyDegree

UCC Statement of Purpose:

The University Curriculum Committee screens proposals for curriculum additions and revisions to ensure that they are consistent with the best interests of the University and meet the rapidly

changing needs of the workforce. It is the intent of the Committee to conduct the reviews as expeditiously as possible in a manner that facilitates development of new proposals and updates existing programs.

1. The UCC is a very busy committee with many proposals to read prior to each meeting. For the 2022-2023 academic year, the UCC processed 91 proposals, including 40 proposals rolled in from last year. Of those 91 proposals, 56 were supported by the UCC, 4 were withdrawn, 1 expired, 5 were denied by Deans, and 25 are rolling over to the next year.

2. This year, the UCC manual edits were presented in the fall for approval by the senate. This particular timing allows the work on the manual during the summer when proposal work is lower.

3. Curriculum deadlines are that the proposal complete all approvals and the UCC by November 1, and subsequently, supported by the Academic Senate at the December meeting.

4. The UCC continued serving the university community during the 2022-2023 academic year. The UCC received support for its new manual and process alterations in early fall of 2022. The remnants of the COVID-19 virus resulted in both the UCC and the Academic Senate meetings remaining online for the entire academic year.

5. The UCC began a process to merge KCAD courses into the catalog, banner, and gen ed sortable list. Progress has been made and this project will continue moving forward until completion.

6. As for the curriculum process, overall, the new UCC forms and updated process is working smoothly and continues to be well received by a vast majority of proposers. The UCC guides curriculum proposers by making sure the process and their roles are understood and followed. In this vein, the UCC is in the process of implementing the automation of the signature and workflow portion of the process. We are currently working with a vender on Acalog for our catalog and will switch over to implementing Curriculog for the curriculum process.

7. For the next year, the UCC plans to continue support with implementation of the Curriculog software, and we will continue looking for improvements and efficiencies. We have a major UCC manual rewrite this summer that includes certificate naming, and the identification of certificates above 18 credit hours. The UCC is eager to support new and creative ways to continue Ferris State University's competitive advantage through curriculum.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you.

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