

Faculty Senate
**Resolution to Establish a Bridge Committee between the Program Committee
of the University Curriculum Council and the Curriculum Committee of the
Graduate Council**

Executive Committee and EPSA
First Reading, January 14th, 2012

Whereas proposals for the approval of new graduate programs and changes to graduate programs currently are evaluated separately by both the University Curriculum Council and by the Graduate Council;

Whereas the duplication of approval processes sometimes leads to long delays;

Whereas the duplication of approval processes has not led to differing decisions in the vast majority of cases;

Whereas it is desirable to maintain input from and communication with the Graduate Council and the Graduate College, especially to facilitate program approvals at the state level;

Whereas both the University Curriculum Council and the Graduate Council unanimously support this proposal;

Therefore, be it resolved that a "bridge committee" of four people (3 faculty and 1 administrator) be cross-appointed to serve on the Graduate Council as members of the Curriculum Committee and on UCC as members of UCC's Program Committee to streamline the approval of new graduate programs and graduate program changes.

Be it resolved that the primary charge of the bridge committee will be to gather and represent the concerns of the Graduate Council between the submission of a graduate program/program changes to the Program Committee of UCC, and the second reading and vote of UCC. The bridge committee will be voting members of both Councils.

Be it resolved that the bridge committee should be balanced between masters-only and doctoral program representatives.

Be it resolved that the bridge committee will be phased in by cross-appointing Graduate Council Curriculum Committee members to the UCC's Program Committee. UCC will originally have up to four extra members (from Graduate Council cross-appointments). As terms end, UCC will return to its original size.

Be it resolved that the proposed changes to the structure of UCC and the Graduate Council be effective fall 2013;

Be it further resolved that the Faculty Handbook and the Standing Committee definitions and charges be changed as follows:

VII. A. University Committees

Nominations to University Standing Committees are made by the Committee on Committees composed of the Chairperson of the Faculty Senate (who will chair the committee), the Chairperson of the Administrative Senate, the President of the Graduate Student Senate, the Vice-Chairperson of the Student Senate, and a member of the Dean's Council. The President appoints the University Standing Committees.

B. University Curriculum Council

The University Curriculum Council, a statutory body established by the Faculty Senate in order to discharge the Faculty Senate's responsibilities with respect to curricular matters, is the final organization in a system of committees composed of departmental curriculum committees, college curriculum committees, and the University Curriculum Council itself. The function of the University Curriculum Council is to make recommendations in curricular matters that include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

1. addition, relocation, and deletion of academic programs and degrees;
2. the schedule of program review and the review process itself;
3. after formal review, the quality and priority of existing academic programs;
4. addition, deletion, and changes in courses;
5. academic program or department name changes and addition, deletion, and changes of master curriculum file prefixes, and major codes;
6. academic requirements; and
7. implementation and maintenance of the General Education program.

The Curriculum Council is the final recommending voice in curricular matters. Its recommendations go through the Provost to the President for final approval.

The University Curriculum Council is organized into three Standing Committees: Program, Review, and Individual Course. The Program Committee is concerned with addition, and first follow-up of new programs, as well as deletion, relocation, and changes in existing academic programs, degrees, master curriculum file prefixes, and major codes. The Review Committee is concerned with cyclic review and evaluation of existing programs. The Individual Course Committee is concerned with coordination at the university level of addition, deletion, and changes in all individual course offerings. If they cannot be assigned to a standing committee, issues concerning educational and program requirements will be reviewed by a special committee appointed by the chairperson. When dealing with graduate programs, the Curriculum Council and its committees work with the Graduate Council.

The University Curriculum Council 's membership consists of:

1. 30 faculty members, among whom are all members of the Educational Policy and Student Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate; the Vice Chairperson of the Faculty Senate; and four faculty representatives of the Graduate Council: three members of the Curriculum Committee of the Graduate Council who are cross-appointed to the Program Committee of UCC, and the Chairperson of the Graduate Council;
2. the Deans of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Communication, Education, Engineering and Technology, Fine Arts, Health and Human Services, and Osteopathic Medicine; the Dean of University College; the Dean of the Honors Tutorial College; the Director of the Center for International Studies; and the Dean of the Graduate College; ~~Associate Provost for Graduate Studies;~~ 1 administrator must be cross-appointed to the Program Committee of UCC and the Graduate Council Curriculum Committee.
3. one regional campus dean, chosen by said deans as their representative;
4. a member of the Alden Library staff;

5. five undergraduate students and two graduate students; and
6. a non-voting representative of the Provost's Office.

The Vice Chairperson of the Faculty Senate serves as the voting Chairperson of the Curriculum Council. The Committee on Committees recommends five undergraduate students and two graduate students as alternates. The alternates have no vote, but are accorded the opportunity to participate in discussions of the full Council as well as to participate in activities of the committees. Members of the Curriculum Council are appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the Committee on Committees.

The structure of the University Curriculum Council is subject to annual review by the Faculty Senate. Matters related to courses, academic programs, academic requirements, and review of programs routinely come before the University Curriculum Council; the Faculty Senate shall determine whether exceptional curricular matters should be handled by the University Curriculum Council or by the Faculty Senate itself.

C. Graduate Council

The Graduate Council reviews, coordinates, and serves as an advocate for graduate education at Ohio University. The Council has both advisory and policy-recommending responsibilities for graduate education. It initiates, reviews, and recommends University-wide policy and new directions for graduate education.

Four members (three faculty and one administrator) of the Curriculum Committee of the Graduate Council are cross-appointed to serve as voting members of the University Curriculum Council and UCC's Program Committee. The primary charge of these members will be to represent the concerns of the Graduate Council although they will be voting members of both Councils. Through the cross-appointed members of the Graduate Council and UCC, Graduate Council advises UCC on the approval and implementation of graduate programs. The Graduate Council recommends to the University Curriculum Council the ~~initiation, implementation, and~~ elimination of graduate programs and degrees at Ohio University. (See Section II.D.4.c for procedures for the elimination of graduate programs.) Other recommendations by the Council go through the Provost to the President for final approval.

Members of the Graduate Council are nominated by the Committee on Committees and appointed by the President. The Graduate Council shall have a voting majority of members with faculty status.

Its membership shall consist of:

- a. fourteen members with faculty status (with a minimum of five from doctoral programs and five from master's-degree-only programs);
- b. deans (or their representatives) of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Communication, Education, Engineering and Technology, Fine Arts, Health and Human Services, and Osteopathic Medicine; and the Director of the Center for International Studies;
- c. four graduate students, including the President of the Graduate Student Senate (with a minimum of one student from a doctoral program and one from a master's-only program);
- d. the Dean (or a representative) of the Graduate College as a nonvoting member; and
- e. the Dean (or a representative) of the Library as a nonvoting member.

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| In the case of the proposed elimination of a graduate program, the Program Committee of UCC will obtain the recommendation of the Graduate Council. For the purpose of this policy, to be primarily identified with a program it must be shown that a majority of the faculty member's teaching effort is in that program. In addition, if a faculty member whose position is being eliminated has, within the last five years at Ohio University, been identified primarily with another existing program or programs, he/she will have the right to return to that program. A positive decision of all three determinations is necessary to forward the proposal to the University Curriculum Council.

Standing Committee Definitions:

UCC: Charge and Membership

University Curriculum Council

The University Curriculum Council is the final organization in a system of committees composed of departmental curriculum committees, college curriculum committees, and the University Curriculum Council itself. The function of the University Curriculum Council is to make recommendations concerning:

- * addition and deletion of academic programs;
- * after formal review, the quality and priority of existing academic programs;
- * addition, deletion, and changes in courses; and
- * academic requirements.

The Curriculum Council is the final recommending voice in curricular matters. Its recommendations go through the Provost to the President for final approval. The University Curriculum Council is organized into four standing committees: Program, Review, Individual Course, and General Education. The Program Committee is concerned with addition, deletion, and first follow-up of new programs. The Review Committee is concerned with cyclic review and evaluation of existing programs. The Individual Course Committee is concerned with coordination at the university level of addition, deletion, and changes in all course offerings. The General Education Committee is concerned with addition, deletion, and changes in all general education course offerings and with review and revision of general education structure and policies. If they cannot be assigned to a standing committee, issues concerning educational and program requirements will be reviewed by a special committee appointed by the chairperson. When dealing with graduate programs, the Curriculum Council and its committees work with the Graduate Council.

Composition

Faculty : 30 Voting (1 Vice Chair of Faculty Senate, Serves as UCC Chair; ~~16 At Large~~ 13 At Large; 3 members of the Curriculum Committee of the Graduate Council, who also serve on UCC and on the Program Committee of UCC; 12 EPSA Members; 1 Chair of Graduate Council) **Students** : 7 Voting (2 Graduate Students, 2 Alternate Graduate Students; 5 Undergraduate Students, 5 Alternate Undergraduate Students) **Administrative** : 14 Voting (10 College Deans; Director for the Center of International Studies; ~~Associate Provost for International Programs~~; Dean of the Graduate College; ~~Associate Provost for Graduate Studies~~; 1 Regional Campus Dean, chosen by Regional Campus Deans; 1 Professional Staff of Alden Library); 1 administrator also serves on the Graduate Council Curriculum Committee; 1 Non-Voting, Ex-Officio: EVPP Rep. **Classified** : 0

Graduate Council

The Graduate Council reviews, coordinates, and serves as an advocate for graduate education at Ohio University. The Council has both advisory and policy-recommending responsibilities for graduate education. The Council initiates, reviews, and recommends University-wide policy and new directions for graduate education. Four members (three faculty and one administrator) of the Curriculum Committee of the Graduate Council are cross-appointed to serve as voting members of the University Curriculum Council and UCC's Program Committee. Through the cross-appointed members of the Graduate Council and the University Curriculum Council, the Graduate Council advises the University Curriculum Council on the approval and implementation of graduate programs. The Graduate Council recommends to the University Curriculum Council the ~~initiation, implementation, and~~ elimination of graduate programs and degrees at Ohio University. Other recommendations by the Council go through the Provost to the President for final approval. The composition of the Graduate Council represents both those departments granting Ph.D. degrees and those departments offering only Master's degrees.

Composition

Faculty: 14 Voting (Minimum of 5 from Doctoral Programs and 5 from Master's-Only Programs); of the 14 voting members, three members from the Curriculum Committee of the Graduate Council also serve on the Program Committee of the University Curriculum Council

Students : 3 Voting Graduate Students (1 President of Graduate Student Senate; 2 At Large; 1 Alternate) **Administrative :** 8 Voting (Deans or Designees of: Arts and Sciences, Business, Scripps, Patton, Russ, Fine Arts, Health Services and Professions, University Libraries, Heritage Osteopathic COM) and 1 Non-Voting (~~Associate Provost for Dean of the Graduate College Studies~~); 1 voting administrator also serves on the Program Committee of UCC.

Classified : 0 Total : 26 (1 Non-Voting)