

University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction Year-End Report 2004-2005

The following individuals served as members of UCUI during 2004-2005:

Susan Awbrey, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education
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Babette Benken, Visiting Instructor of Education
Kristine Condic, Associate Professor, Library
Carole Crum, Director of Bachelor of General Studies
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Lynn Hockenberger, Director of Learning Resources
Alice Horning, Professor of Rhetoric and Linguistics
Ginger Houghton, Student Representative
Nivedita Mukherji, Associate Professor of Economics
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Stafford Rorke, Associate Professor of Health Sciences and Program Director
Steve Shablin, Registrar
Patricia Westergaard, Academic Adviser, School of Business Administration

The University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction (UCUI) had a productive year with activity in six areas:

I. Academic Program Review

UCUI processed decennial reviews for five programs

- Accounting
- Art and Art History
- History
- Occupational Safety and Health
- School of Nursing

For these programs UCUI:

- Reviewed the self-study and reports of external evaluators
- Held discussions with representatives of academic units
- Provided a written report to the heads of the programs

II. Student Petitions

UCUI reviewed 19 student petitions for ethnic diversity and one petition for writing proficiency.

III. Review of Curricular Changes and Proposals

- UCUI reviewed the Pre-Pharmacy curriculum. This is a new focus within the SHS bachelor's program. UCUI endorsed the new component for Oakland University's agreement with Wayne State University
- UCUI invited representatives from the School of Engineering and Computer Science to present curricular changes that have emerged from changes in the Engineering core and the splitting of a SECS department.

IV. Policies and Issues

- UCUI finalized new descriptions for Web courses to be used in the Schedule of Classes
- UCUI invited Charles Clark to discuss the reasons for the timing of mid-semester evaluations and made recommendations for improving the process
- UCUI approved Excelsior College transfer credit

V. Review of Committee Charge

UCUI reviewed its charge and its interrelationship with other University Senate committees. UCUI reinstated the process of sharing minutes with relevant Senate committees.

VI. Updates

- UCUI invited Catheryn Cheal, Assistant Vice President for E-Learning, to discuss developments in E-Learning on campus and policy implications of on-line courses.
- The chair of UCUI provided updates to UCUI on Oakland University's new general education program and its implementation process.

Chair's Note: I wish to express thanks and gratitude for all of the hard work and effort of the members of UCUI this year.

Respectfully submitted:
Susan Awbrey, May 26, 2005