

MEMORANDUM

November 4, 1970

To: Academic Senate

From: D.Hildum, for the Academic Policy Committee

Annual Report, 1969-70 and Prospectus

During the academic year 1969-70, APC --

1. Received and noted course and program changes in Arts and Sciences, Engineering, Management, Performing Arts, and Charter College.
2. Recommended to the Senate the establishment of a University Forum (passed but never implemented), the change of designation of "non-western civilization" to "area studies" and the addition of UC 68, Introduction to Latin America (both passed).
3. Recommended replacement of the foreign language requirement with the symbolic systems requirement. Passed.
4. Recommended the establishment of the UC 03 exploratories especially for students testing low on a writing test for all freshmen. Passed.
5. Supported recommendations by the Ad Hoc Commission on Educational Reform for re-examination of departmental prerequisite structures and the establishment of independent concentrations. Enabling legislation passed.
6. Recommended rejection of Commission proposal for optional S/N grading, which was rejected by the Senate, and passage of a change in the grading system to substitute N for 0.0 and limit the numerical scale to 1.0-4.0, which was passed.
7. Recommended rejection of the Commission's general education proposal, offering instead its own new distribution requirement. Both failed.
8. Gave an opinion on one appeal from a decision of the Committee on Instruction of Arts and Sciences.

During the academic year 1970-71, APC --

1. Has recommended establishment of a UC 45, Introduction to Theatre, as an option under the Fine Arts requirement. Passed.
2. Has recommended that general education requirements, with the exception of the exploratories, be established separately by the schools and colleges, with the proviso that the present requirements remain in effect for each unit until positive action changes them. Not yet voted on.
3. Will be receiving and noting additional course and program changes.
4. Will dispense free advice on how to use the grading system.
5. Will make recommendations as to change or maintenance of the major standing procedure.

6. Will make broad recommendations in the area of competency testing, including--but going beyond--the Advanced Placement Program and the College Level Examination Program. We believe a general acceptance of the competency testing approach would encourage marked curricular changes.
7. Will study the proposals for a teacher education minor in physical education, credit for physical education courses, and a UC in physical education.
8. Will re-examine the exploratory program, particularly UC 03, in the light of experience to date.
9. Will join other university committees in considering new curricula to provide more student options.

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