

University Committee On Undergraduate Instruction

Annual Report

2000-2001

Committee Members (14):

Gene Fliedner, Chair: Jane Eberwein; Shawn Lombardo; Arden Sargeant; Susan Awbrey; Kathy Galloway; Linda Pavonetti; Steve Shablin; Geneal Brooks; Matt Hudson; Candice Piechowski; Gautam Singh; Carole Crum

The committee accomplished the following major tasks for the 2000-01 academic year.

1. UCUI conducted its decennial reviews of both the Bachelor of General Studies Program and the English Department. Based upon reports of the site teams and the reports from the units under review, UCUI submitted its reports to the Provost's Office.
2. At the request of the Associate Provost, UCUI reviewed the proposed calendar for the academic years 2001-'02, 2002-'03, 2003-'04, and 2004-'05. UCUI submitted its report on October 26, 2000, requested this matter be brought before the OU Senate, and identified its concerns at a Senate meeting.
3. UCUI began an examination of OU's distributed learning policies for web-based and web-enhanced courses. This examination will be a continuing agenda item.
4. UCUI approved use of the 1999 Undergraduate Catalog for students entering in the Fall 2000/ Winter 2001 semesters.
5. UCUI established its policy for disputes concerning the duplication of course content between academic units/departments. This policy will rely upon the Deans of the respective academic units/departments to resolve the matter, if possible. If not possible, the matter will be deferred to the Provost's Office.
6. UCUI established a policy concerning the ethnic diversity component of transfer courses that are granted equivalency to an OU course. (UCUI Minutes, 10/6/2000) UCUI also approved a policy that Introductory Sociology courses taken at other universities will henceforth be considered a meeting OU's ethnic diversity requirement. (UCUI Minutes, 1/19/2001)
7. At the request of the Registrar's Office, UCUI examined an alternative proposal to the current policy requiring the need for an Instructor's signature for a student to add a class during the late

registration period. UCUI recommended bringing the Registrar's proposal to the University Senate. (UCUI Minutes, 11/17/2000)

8. Proposal for meeting ethnic diversity requirement for EED 420 was reviewed and approved.

9. UCUI reviewed transfer equivalency for FILM 251, Mott Community College (denied); SOC 251, Henry Ford Community College (approved); SOCL 185, Lansing Community College (approved).

10. UCUI approved the ethnic diversity transfer equivalency for SOCL 180 (Introduction to Latino Studies), Lansing Community College. (UCUI Minutes, 2/2/2001)

11. The possibility of a Cross-town ROTC Agreement with the University of Michigan was discussed with Walli Andersen, Associate Provost (UCUI Minutes, 4/6/2001). The program will be further discussed with OU Senate, CAS's COI, and UCUI in the Fall semester 2001.

12. UCUI reviewed 19 petitions of exception; 16 approved, 3 denied. Each petition requested a waiver of the OU ethnic diversity requirement.