

Report of the Curriculum Council April 6, 2009

The Curriculum Council met once during March to approve several petitions for curricular changes, included in this month's consent agenda, and to discuss various other issues. A few topics likely will carry over into the 2009/10 academic year, including a conversation about the integrity of the Gateway Program, consideration of sign language proficiency as a way for students to satisfy our language requirement under the general education program, and possible ways to enhance the synchronization of the university's three archives of curricular information.

On this third issue the Council asked Associate Dean Frank Boyd to work with Jeff Frick, as registrar, and Zahia Drici, as the incoming associate dean of curriculum, to consider steps that might be taken to ensure that CC actions and faculty ratification of them are uniformly recorded not only in the general education database but also in the university's catalog and in the electronic Banner system. Dean Boyd and Jenny Hand have been very helpful this year in helping the Council to explore and clarify several cases where confusion over past curricular changes made evaluation of current change requests difficult. For the benefit of CC and others across campus, it seems prudent for us to develop reliable transmission belts for curricular information as it moves from place to place. The Council heartily urges Dean Boyd to pursue this exploration sooner rather than later.