Curriculum Council Committee Report (18 September 2019) Prepared by: Abigail Kerr

The Curriculum Council has met seven times since August 26, 2019. We meet twice a week, every Tuesday and Thursday. To date CC has received and discussed 9 requests for Council action.

The Council has discussed and prioritized carryover items from last academic year. The prioritized list of items was distributed with our August 29 meeting minutes. The chair of CC has been meeting with relevant strategic planning work groups to ensure the Council's work is not overlapping with, replicating, or complicating their efforts.

The Council has extensively discussed the current policy on double counting of courses between majors and minors. CC is in the process of drafting a motion to present to the faculty regarding a change in double counting policy to permit some level (what level is still being discussed) of double counting between majors and minors.

Beginning over the summer, CC has been working on a process for electronic submission of requests for CC action. We would like to thank the Mellon Center's student worker, Richa Sapkota, and Associate Dean of Curriculum, Kevin Sullivan, for their work on this task. We hope to have a Google form submission process up and running soon. Please be patient with us, as there will inevitably be some hiccups as we roll out this new submission process. If you have any issues or concerns when submitting any action request, please contact the CC chair, Abbie Kerr (akerr@iwu.edu). You will still be welcome to submit any action requests via the traditional paper method if you prefer. We do hope to fully transition to an electronic process by the beginning of the next academic year.

The Council discussed the availability and administration of language exams for students wishing to test for proficiency in languages not offered at IWU. World Language faculty are pursuing a relationship with Language Testing International as a pilot program to improve the standardization and facilitation of proficiency exams for students.

Be reminded that the Master Calendar of Deadlines is <u>available here</u>. If you are planning to submit CC action requests, please take note not only of the deadlines but also the schedule for faculty meetings for the semester in order to take into consideration the notification time required in order to present your proposal for faculty vote.