COMMITTEE ON CURRICULA AND COURSES
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Members of the Committee:
Elected: Katherine Adams (English), Peter Binev, Chair (Mathematics), Pat Gehrke (English), Michael Hill (Languages, Literatures, & Cultures), John Kupfer (Geography), Tom Weir (Mass Communications & Info. Studies);

Appointed: Kris Finnigan (ex-officio, Office of the Provost), Nancy Zimmerman (ex-officio, Graduate School), Robert Castleberry (USC Sumter), Chelsea Hoggle (Student).

During the 2011-2012 academic year the Faculty Senate Committee on Curricula and Courses has reviewed a total of about 350 proposals, less than 10% of which were sent back for revision and did not go forward to the Faculty Senate for review.

There were two significant new developments in the work of the Committee: the introduction of the changes related to the Carolina Core requirements and the start of the transition towards electronic forms. The Committee worked together with the Carolina Core Committee and its administrative chair Helen Doerpinghaus for setting up the procedures for processing the designated Carolina Core courses and setting up a template for the related changes of the curricula. The Faculty Senate has already approved 30 Carolina Core courses and a significant part of the curriculum changes related to the introduction of the Carolina Core requirements.

The transition to paperless processing started with the introduction of the electronic forms for the Carolina Core courses. The Committee had several discussions with Kris Finnigan and Elise Ahyi from the Office of the Provost resulting in adjusting the electronic forms and workflow to be proposer-friendly and to fit best the needs and practices of the Committee. We are positive that when the software is ready, the transition would be successful, although we anticipate that it will take several months before it is fully implemented.

All members of the Committee have contributed a lot for the smooth and efficient processing of the proposals with the exception of the student representatives. One of the student representatives was never appointed and the other one, Ms Hoggle, came only to introduce herself at one meeting and then never showed up again.

The committee heartily thanks Jeanna Luker in the Faculty Senate office for her timely and informed handling of the business of the committee, and appreciates her ability to keep everything and everyone on track.

The committee elected Professor Brian Habing (Statistics) as Chair for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Respectfully submitted on July 23, 2012, by
Peter G. Binev, Chair 2011-2012