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APPROVING A CAROLINA CORE COURSE PROPOSAL
*** HELPFUL HINTS ***

Email Notifications
- You will receive an automatic email notice from utsweb@mailbox.sc.edu when proposals arrive into your approval queue.
- To access your approval queue, you must log in to the Carolina Core Course Proposal submission site. http://www.sc.edu/programproposal.

Logging In
- Login requires USC User ID and password.
- USC User ID can be found at VIP under “Technology”, clicking on “Network Access”, and then clicking on “Network User Name.”
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First Screen: Proposal Management

The Proposal Management screen has four tabs:

- **Proposals Requiring Approval**: List of proposals waiting for your approval. Proposals in this list can no longer be edited by the original proponent.
- **Proposals in Progress**: List of Core course proposal(s) you have created, if any.
- **Approved for Bulletin**: List of courses you created or approved that are ready to be added to the Bulletin
- **BCH View**: List of all proposals you can access in an abbreviated report format.

"Quick Approve" moves the proposal forward without comments. If you wish to add comments before approving, or reject the proposal, click the document icon or the red course title to open it, and scroll to the bottom.
Navigating Approvals

- Reviewing and Posting to Committee Review Site
  - After logging on to [http://www.sc.edu/programproposal](http://www.sc.edu/programproposal), you can access a copy of any proposal's full Form Summary to review by clicking on the red course number on the left, or the blue page icon on the right.
  - With approval of prior approvers, you may edit the proposal as necessary.
  - You will need to click the "Post to Committee Review Site" box, either next to the proposal as listed on the Program Management screen, or at the bottom of the program’s Form Summary, to post the proposal for viewing by any committee members not in the approval chain.

From Proposal Management Screen:
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From Form Summary Tab:

- **Post to Committee Review Site:**
  - [ ] Approve and Forward
  - [ ] Return to Proponent for Revisions

Comment:

Firefox Users Only: The 'Paste' button does not function. Please paste by clicking in the text area portion of the box below and selecting Ctrl-V on your keyboard. Please visit [this link](#) for more information.

Pasting from Microsoft Word: When pasting from Microsoft Word, please use the 'Paste from Word' button to preserve similar formatting. After clicking this button, right click in the text area of the popup window and select Paste or select Ctrl-V on your keyboard.

Submit
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- **Approving a Proposal**
  Proposals that require your approval will be highlighted in yellow. You may approve/acknowledge a proposal in one of two ways: from “Form Summary” page or from Proposal Management Screen
  - Approving from the Form Summary Page
    - On the Form Summary page, you will see a list of all previous approvals with date and status at the bottom of the Form Summary.
    - In addition to a text box for comments and the “Submit” button, you will also see three check boxes:
      - “Post to Committee Review Site”
      - “Approve and Forward” and
      - “Return to Proponent for Revisions”
    - If you wish to return the proposal for revisions, select the “Return to Proponent for Revisions” check box. You are required to provide comments before clicking Submit. The proposal will begin the approval process over again, as if newly submitted.
    - Otherwise, check the appropriate action, add a comment if desired, and then click Submit.
    - The proposal will automatically be forwarded to the next approver, and you should see the status update.

  - Approving using 'Quick Approve' from the Proposal Management Screen
    - Click the 'Quick Approve' checkbox in the far right column. (Please note that approving this way does not allow the inclusion of comments.)
    - Once you have selected Quick Approve, click Submit. You should receive a green message once it is successfully submitted. The status should also be updated.

- Once any approver has clicked “Quick Approval” or “Submit” buttons, approval privileges for that proposal are terminated. Therefore, once you have responded to a proposal, the “Quick Approval” check box on the “Proposal Management” screen becomes disabled. The proposal summary is still viewable by clicking the blue page icon in
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the right column, or the red course number on the left side of the screen. Either will open a read-only version of the proposal Form Summary with the list of prior approvals.

OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES

Approval and Editing Rights to Active Proposals

Individuals have different rights to each course proposal depending on their role in the approval process.

- **“Approval only” rights**: Academic Unit Chairs, Carolina Core Specialty Team Chairs, Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Chair, USC Undergraduate Dean, Registrar
  - They can read proposals and can insert comments which convey to the next approver

- **“Approval and editing” rights**: College/School representatives, Faculty Senate Officer
  - They acknowledge initial receipt of proposals (date posted in “Status” on Program Management screen and in “Approvals” section of proposal Form Summary)
  - They may insert comments
  - They may touch proposals several times before final approval (if proposals are returned for revisions by a subsequent approver; or if proposals involve multiple colleges)
  - They may return proposals for revisions
  - With approval from prior approvers, they may edit proposals to expedite processing.

- **"Reviewing" rights**: Committee members (College-level Curriculum Committees, Carolina Core Specialty Teams, Full Carolina Core Committee, Faculty Senate Courses and Curriculum Committee, Faculty Senators).
  - They can review or check the status of proposals at the Committee Review Site once they've been received at the college/school level.

Attachments and Supporting Documentation

- Support documentation, including letters of concurrence, is embedded within the electronic form, to streamline approvals by numerous committees and administrators.
- Documents should be in Word or plain text format; PDFs will NOT work.
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- Cutting and pasting text from Word, Word table, Excel, and .gif image documents, and from emails, should work from any browser if you use “Ctrl-C” to copy and “Ctrl-V” to paste.
- When pasting from Microsoft Word, please use the 'Paste from Word' button to preserve similar formatting. After clicking this button, right click in the text area of the popup window and select Paste or select Ctrl-V on your keyboard.
- All text boxes are editable using the standard Word toolbar provided.

Approvals and Returned for Revisions
- In all cases, if a proposal is approved and the approver clicks the “Submit” button, the proposal automatically moves to the next approver, who is sent an email notification.
- If a proposal is returned for revisions by a college representative, it returns to the original proponent.
- If a proposal is returned for revisions by any approver beyond the college representative level, the proposal returns to the college representative, who is responsible for consulting prior approvers if the proposal is substantially edited.

Approval Status and Timeline
- After submission, the proposal will move automatically to the approval queue of the department/program chair; once they approve, it moves to the approval queue of the College representative.
- When the proposal reaches the College level, a read-only version will be posted by the College representative to the Committee Review Site, accessible to Academic Program Liaisons, and committee members throughout the
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process. The Committee Review Site is secured. (Academic Program Liaisons have username and login information.)

- The complete listing of active proposals is available on the Committee Review Site. Filters allow for targeted views by four-letter designator, college/school, Carolina Core Learning Outcome or Committee name.
- If a proposal sits in any approval queue for longer than 15 days, the College/School representative will receive an email notification identifying where the proposal is held.

Login Help
In order to login to the Electronic Course and Program Proposal, you will need to know your USC Network username and password. This is the username that was assigned to you when you registered on the USC network and is also referred to as your LDAP User ID and password.

The password IS NOT your VIP Pin Number.

If you are having a problem signing in and are not sure of your Username, please refer to the following steps:
1. Go to and Login with your USC identification Number.
2. Select the Technology link on the left navigation bar.
3. Select Network Username. This will show you the USC Network Username you need to use for the Help System.