

2011-2012 Year End Report Curriculum and Instruction Committee

The Curriculum & Instruction Committee met 8 times during the 2011-2012 Academic Year. Meeting dates were September 27, 2011, October 18, 2011, November 22, 2011, December 13, 2011, January 24, 2012, February 28, 2012, April 11, 2012, May 2, 2012

The following issues were discussed and actions taken:

A list of issues facing faculty, curriculum & instruction relating to online instruction was developed at the September meeting. This list, along with the list compiled by the Faculty Affairs Committee, was submitted to the Co-Chairs of the Online Instruction Task Force for consideration, in October.

The Committee hosted Sangeetha Gopalakrishnan, recent Wayne State College of Education Doctorate recipient and Director of the Foreign Language Technology Center, at their November meeting. She discussed the research and findings from her dissertation research “Best practices, leadership strategies and a change model for implementing successful online programs at universities” to attending Committee members and invited guests from the Student Affairs Committee and Faculty Affairs Committees.

A *SET 2N Committee: Recommendation Memo* was compiled and provided to Policy Committee at their request, with specific points and issues the Committee felt the SET 2N Committee appointed for SET review needed to consider in their deliberations.

The Committee expressed its support for the implementation of revisions to the University Undergraduate Probation & Exclusion Policy as presented by H. Shapiro at our December meeting, which would bring policy in alignment with federal financial aid policy, and help Wayne State identify and provide intervention for students who are not making adequate academic progress at a much earlier point.

At the request of Policy Committee, the Committee reviewed the *Report on the Wayne State University Enhancing Student Academic Success*, and provided its comments and recommendations in the “*Report on the Wayne State University Enhancing Student Academic Success Committee Report (undated Draft)*” to the Policy Committee. The Committee supported the overall goals of the Report, but expressed in their response specific concerns related to its implementation, development of remedial programs, and lack of inclusion of part-time and transfer students in the proposed retention activities.

The Committee hosted Jodi Young, Manager of Barnes & Noble Bookstore, who gave a presentation on Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) requirements for textbook disclosure, textbook purchase options and e-textbooks.

The Chair of the Committee thanks all of the Committee members for their participation.
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Respectfully submitted,

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