

Common Program Oversight Committee (CPOC) Academic Year 2016-2017 Report

The committee was chaired by Dr. Elizabeth A. Dooley, Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning and Dean of the College of Undergraduate Studies. The meetings were facilitated by Dr. Keisha L. Hoerrner, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies.

During the year, four meetings were held [October 2016, November 2016, January 2017, and March 2017]. The committee conducted reviews, received an update on the Unifying Theme as a curriculum initiative, and voted to remove the “GEP alternate” option from the General Education Program.

Course Reviews

Gordon Rule Reviews

- 47 courses reviewed
 - 1 not approved
 - 1 addition
 - 45 renewals
 - 231 current GR courses (25 lower division, 206 upper division)

Diversity Course Reviews

- 2 courses reviewed
 - 2 additions
 - 58 current Diversity courses (12 lower division, 46 upper division)

GEP Courses

- 3 courses reviewed
 - 3 additions to Science Foundation
 - 72 current GEP courses (66 lower division, 6 upper division)

Diversity Requirement

The committee will be developing enhanced criteria to review courses for this university requirement in Fall 2017.

Unifying Theme

Representatives from the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning updated the committee on the unifying theme, which will not be implemented until Fall 2018 due to a “refresh” initiative within General Education.

General Education Program

The committee carefully reviewed the university's use of "GEP alternate" courses, finding that there were inconsistencies in some of the catalog language versus the stated explanation for "alternate" courses. The State Course Numbering System (SCNS) database shows all "GEP alternate" courses as General Education courses, without distinction for discrete majors or student populations. The committee voted in March to delete the "GEP alternate" option and include all current GEP "alternate" courses within their appropriate GEP Foundation areas within the Undergraduate Catalog and all official university publications.

The committee has requested to review the six upper division courses that are part of the General Education Program during the 2017-2018 academic year.