

Annual Report from Academic Policy & Curriculum Committee (APCC)
2013-2014

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The committee built on the many changes made last year and further developed a campus understanding of the process of evaluating programs and courses, both for new and changes. Particularly noteworthy this year was the implementation of procedures for designating a course with a Diversity Designation.

Another important development this academic year was APCC taking on the role as the final evaluator of new Graduate Programs. When new graduate programs are proposed, after the committee has been notified with a PNOI, a special meeting is arranged with the primary proposers of the new program. This meeting takes place approximately four to five weeks after APCC receives the completed proposal (including outside evaluation reports and a program's response). This provides committee members sufficient time to fully evaluate the new program. These procedures will be fine-tuned and developed over the next academic year.

With the growth of the campus and the reorganization of IAS, the committee evaluated numerous proposals this year. There were 97 new course proposals 34 course changes, 65 courses approved for a Diversity Designation, 17 program changes, and one new graduate program.