

## **End-of-Year Report to Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee**

Chairperson: Ryan Winburn  
Secretary: Erik Anderson

This report is a summary of the actions taken by the Curriculum Committee during the Academic Year 2006-2007. The distribution of business brought forward to the committee during the year was moderate compared to some years, but some significant improvements to the curriculum were brought forward from this committee to the Faculty Senate. I have also attached copies of the minutes for each meeting.

Programs bringing changes to the Curriculum Committee during the 2006-2007 Academic Year:

Art – several course changes (mainly requisites) and addition of two courses for Study Tour

Biology – several new courses and a program change

BIT – introduced a new 100 level course, program changes to MIS (major and minor), Virtual Business (major and minor), and BIT

Business Administration – program change for International Business

Communication Disorders – removal of the BSE in Communication Disorders, course creations and changes (both graduate and undergraduate level), program change for their Graduate program.

Computer Science – significant changes to their program, including the development of program Options, minor course changes

Finance – new course

Foreign Language – Several program changes, focusing on French and German

Geology – various program changes (including creation/deletion of courses) to BA and BSE programs and the teaching and non-teaching minors

Honors – various program changes including a new course in SPED, creation of an Honors Freshman Seminar

Humanities – program changes for the BAs in Broadcasting, Communication, and Theater, BSE in Communication, and Minors in Communication and Theater Management, including the creation of a number of courses and course changes

Math – various course changes, addition of undergraduate workshops

Political Science – Political Science concentration

Psychology – course creations and program change for their Graduate program

Science – MAT: Science and M.Ed. Science

Social Science – program changes in the BA and BSE, with a new course and course change

Social Work – program change with a course change and several new courses

Special Education – Deaf and Hard of Hearing Minor, various course changes

Teacher Education – variable credit for Thesis, course creation

In addition to the ‘normal’ curricular activities, the Committee had a lengthy discussion on Sign Language as a ‘Foreign Language’, eventually moving to recommend that it be recognized at Minot State University as a ‘Foreign Language’. We have also had numerous discussions with Lynne Rumney on improvements and directions for the Honors Program, including how best to

ensure students are taking the appropriate courses (eg. English 110/111). We examined the charge from the Faculty Senate in regards to Diversity in the curriculum, coming to a consensus decision that while the Curriculum Committee serves to oversee the curriculum of the University, it falls outside of our purview to develop curriculum.

At our final meeting, a new Chairperson and Secretary were nominated and elected.

Curriculum Committee Chair for 2007-1008: Lori Garnes

Curriculum Committee Chair for 2007-2008: Clarine Sandstrom

Respectfully submitted to the Faculty Senate,

Ryan S. Winburn

Curriculum Committee Chair, 2006-2007