Annual Report of the
Committee on Curricula for Arts & Sciences
AY 2006-2007

The Committee (CurrComm) reviewed proposals and 29 new courses, 2 new majors in existing programs or departments (Latin American Studies, Cognitive and Brain Science), 1 new program with minor (Leadership Studies), and changes in 6 existing majors (Psychology, Spanish, ILVS, American Studies, IR, Architectural Studies) were approved by the A&S Faculty. In addition, 3 courses were deleted, 39 changes to existing courses and several revisions to the mathematics distribution and quantitative reasoning requirements (concurrent with revisions to Math 4, 5, and 11) were approved by CurrComm. These have been forwarded to the Registrar for the revised Bulletin. Six students consulted the CurrComm Chair about Plans of Study, and two proposals were reviewed, approved [with assistance from Judith Haber and Sharun Mukand] and sent to be archived by Dr. Carmen Lowe in the Academic Resource Center.

The Committee piloted several changes this year: (1) new technology changes, including Word forms with blank fields at the CurrComm Blackboard website, implemented by Fall ’06 co-Chairs Alice Trexler and Art Utz; the site is http://blackboard.tufts.edu under Organizations, and CurrComm; (2) new deadlines for Plan of Study proposals (April 1 or one month before the end of the student’s fourth college semester); (3) listing titles of new courses previously taught under Special Topics but being considered by CurrComm (such courses may be listed in the departmental listing as “SP:course title” with the proposed number).

The Committee co-chairs (Alice Trexler, Art Utz, and Francie Chew for Spring ’07) met with CIS Director Jonathan Kenny, Academic Deans James Glaser, Vickie Sullivan, and Andrew McClellan, Exec. Admin. Dean Leah McIntosh, and Registrar JoAnn Smith to discuss a process by which a new interdisciplinary major or minor (and its sponsoring program) can be proposed and considered when it is not housed in an already existing program or department. A rough proposal checklist was drafted, currently with Dean Glaser, who will refer it to an appropriate committee (EPC was suggested).

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,
Spring ’07 Chair, Francie Chew, Biology (on leave F’06)

Anselm Blumer, Computer Science
Gerald Gill, History
Judith Haber, English
Charles Inouye, Japanese Program & GRALL
Sharun Mukand, Economics
Deborah Pacini Hernandez, American Studies Program and Anthropology
Joel Rosenberg, GRALL (on leave S’07)
Yaacov Shapira, Physics (on leave S’07)

Alice Trexler, Dance Program and Drama & Dance (F’06 co-Chair)
Arthur Utz, Chemistry (F’06 co-Chair)
Piyali Kundu, TCU Senate Rep
Chao Pan, TCU Senate Rep
David Proctor, Classics, Graduate Stu. Rep
James Glaser, Dean of Undergraduate Education, ex officio
JoAnn Smith, Registrar, ex officio
Laura Walters, Library, ex officio