The Committee on Curricula for the College of Liberal Arts and Jackson College had an active year. The committee reviewed 114 proposals of which 49 required vote of the Committee and the A&S faculty and 65 required the vote of the Committee on Curricula only.

The proposals included:

--42 new courses from departments including Anthropology (2); Child Development (3); Drama & Dance (4); Education (2); History (4); Physics & Astronomy (2); Religion (1); Romance Languages (3); Music (3); Sociology (1); Political Science (8); GRALL (6); Philosophy (2); and Women’s Studies, now Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (1). All new course proposals were voted on by the committee and voted on and approved by the A&S faculty.

--4 significant program changes including revision to the major requirements in Child Development; the addition of a new major track in Environmental Studies; a change to the major requirements in Engineering Psychology; and a change in program name for Women Studies which is now designated Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. These changes were voted on by the committee and voted on and approved by the A&S Faculty.

--1 change to course title, description and course credit in Environmental Studies which was voted on by the committee and voted on and approved by the A&S faculty.

--1 change to course title, description and course number in Women’s Studies which was voted on by the committee and voted on and approved by the A&S faculty.

--1 change to the Foreign Language Requirement which would allow American Sign Language to count for part I of the requirement. This proposal was reviewed and discussed by the committee. The committee invited the following to speak with the committee in regard to this proposal: the four faculty sponsors (Chip Gidney-Child Development, Ray Jackendoff-Philosophy, George Scarlett-Child Development and Maryanne Wolf-Child Development); the representatives of the students co-sponsoring the proposal; and faculty from the language departments (Hosea Hirata-Chair of GRALL, José Antonio Mazzotti, Chair of Romance Languages, Anne Mahoney-Classics). The committee voted to send the proposal on for consideration by the A&S faculty. The proposal was voted on and approved by the A&S faculty.

--26 requests to delete courses from departments including: Political Science (9); Psychology (15); and Women’s Studies (2). These requests were reviewed and approved by the committee.

--32 requests for changes in one or two of the three following areas, course description, course number or course title, from departments including: Anthropology (2); Biology (2); Chemistry (4); Community Health (1); Drama & Dance (12); Economics (1); GRALL (3); History (3); Center for Interdisciplinary Studies (1); International Relations (1); Physics & Astronomy (1); and Women’s Studies (1). These requests were reviewed and approved by the committee.

--7 minor housekeeping programmatic change requests from departments and programs including: Africana Studies (2); Community Health (1); Drama & Dance (1); Physics & Astronomy (2); and Psychology (1).

The committee also proposed revisions to the committee’s bylaws which were approved by the A&S faculty. The revised bylaws read as follows:

“A Committee on Curricula consisting of eight or more members. This committee shall serve as a joint committee for the College of Liberal Arts and Jackson College, and shall consist of
seven or more faculty members; up to three student members, including two undergraduate students designated by the TCU Senate and one graduate student designated by the Graduate Student Council; a member of the Tisch Library staff, ex officio and without vote; the Dean of Academic Advising and Undergraduate Studies or designee, ex officio and without vote; the Dean of Arts and Sciences or designee, ex officio and without vote; and the Registrar for Arts, Sciences and Engineering or designee, ex officio and without vote. The function of this committee shall be to care for the wise adjustment of the curricula. All proposed changes in the curricula should be referred to this committee before being referred to the faculty for final action. Members shall serve for terms of five years.”

The committee began discussions with EPC related to on-line course approval at Tufts and is currently reviewing a proposal under consideration by EPC. The committee hopes to continue to work with EPC on this issue next fall. EPC also informed the committee of a proposal, which EPC has approved, to remove the Quantitative Reasoning requirement from the foundation requirements.

The committee worked with the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences to improve communication and process relevant to the approval of new courses which would be open to graduate students and undergraduate students.

The committee would like to extend its sincere thanks to Courtney Spieler whose work this year as administrative support for the committee has been exceptional. Courtney has spearheaded an effort to create an updated online form to improve the submission of requests to the committee and increase overall efficiency. The form should be active beginning in the fall of 2013. The committee also extends its sincere thanks to Jillian Dubman, Secretary of the Faculty, for her unflagging assistance.

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