UNIVERSITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
SPRING SEMESTER 2013

COMMITTEE NAME: University Curriculum Committee

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: Gary Hoppenstand

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ACTIONS FOR SPRING SEMESTER 2013:

It was a productive Spring Semester 2013 for the University Curriculum Committee. The following programmatic and curricular actions were conducted during this period:

New Programs Approved: 12

Programs Changed: 56

Programs Deleted: 0

New Courses Approved: 104

Courses Changed: 562

Courses Deleted: 40

Moratoriums Approved or Extended: 4

Discontinuations Approved: 0

NEW INITIATIVES:

College Review of Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and Restrictions:

A comprehensive review of pre-requisites co-requisites, and restrictions was initiated by the UCC during the Fall Semester, 2012, and was continued during the Spring Semester, 2013. Such a review had not been undertaken since the semester conversion of the University back in 1992.
Change of the Name “Specialization” to the name “Minor”:

This initiative of the UCC addresses the issue of unclear, non-translatable, or curricular terminology, and not course or program content. The term “specialization” is unique to Michigan State University and does not translate well to external MSU constituents, such as employers or graduate school admission counselors. The term is not used by any other AAU or CIC school to describe an academic program offering that is listed on the transcript. With an increasingly international student population, and an increasing international focus at MSU, Michigan State University needs to use established and well-understood terminology to describe its academic offering.

After unanimous approval by the University Curriculum Committee, this initiative was presented to UCUE, and was approved.

PROJECTED ACTIVITIES AND ITEMS:

Continuation of College Review of Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and Restrictions::

Currently, this review process is still ongoing, and hopefully will be completed during the 2013-2014 academic year.

Movement of name change of “Specializations” to “Minors” through faculty governance process:

The initiative will continue to work its way through the faculty governance process in the Academic Year 2013-2014.