University Courses and Curricula Committee Charge

Current Charge (from April 22, 2004 report from the policy committee to the faculty council, now faculty senate)

Membership: Two (2) members from each college, one (1) from the library, and two (2) students. Faculty members must be of Assistant, Associate or Full Professor rank with at least one year’s experience at UNO in any rank.

Charge: The committee is advisory to the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs and the faculty. The committee should operate under the following charge:

I. To act on behalf of the Faculty Senate in advising the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs and the President of the University faculty opinion concerning problems which might arise from the proposed addition, change, or dropping of undergraduate courses and curricula. The primary concern of this committee should be Inter-college matters. All proposed changes in courses and curricula will be considered by the committee only after they have been approved by the faculty of the appropriate department and college, and referred to the committee by the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs.

II. To conduct on its own initiative continuing studies of courses, curricula and educational requirements, and to make recommendations to the Faculty Senate relative to changes which appear to be desirable. Such recommendations should be made only after consultation with all colleges affected by the proposed changes.

It was voted by the Senate in April 1972 that the following additional comments from the Committee on Committees be included:

1. It is our feeling that the University Courses and Curricula Committee should have a broader role in the University curriculum than strictly “inter-college” matters if it is to serve its most useful purpose. We feel that if this committee is going to provide a meaningful faculty voice in curriculum matters, it should review all curricula changes. Such action is justified in that the committee serves as the only review body representing the faculty as a whole.

2. This statement is not intended to weaken the role of the College Courses and Curricula Committee, but to strengthen the faculty voice at the university level.

3. We remind the university Courses and Curricula Committee that it has the right and obligation to call “expert” witnesses and interested parties on matters where there is a difference of opinion.

4. Finally, it should be noted that all committee decisions are subject to appeal to the Faculty Senate, although it is hoped that most difficulties can be overcome in dialogue between the parties concerned.