

Curriculum Committee Chair's Report 5/1/2024

Dear Colleagues,

We bring to the faculty three new course proposals for 2025. Please refer to CC resolution 23/24-14 in the consent agenda for each of these:

- ECON 249: Economic Reform and Development in Vietnam (Global Semester)
- ECON 393: The Economic Writing Process
- ENGL 374: Advanced Topics in Creative Writing

Also for the consent agenda, the Committee is bringing forward a new program in Norway: Augsburg CGEE: Social Systems, Sustainability, and Justice in Norway.

Following other changes to OLE Core ILOs, the Committee now brings forward a resolution from the Assessment Committee to modify the ILOs for the Natural Science OLE Core requirement.

The Committee also voted to approve a proposed resolution for a new B.A. in Statistics and Data Science. This resolution would phase out the concentration while providing a more thoroughgoing slate of courses for the new major. This plan reflects both the strength of the current program and a careful plan to marshal available resources in the most responsible way possible.

Finally, the Committee brings forward a resolution to change the guidelines for academic calendars and new academic calendars for the years 2026-27 and 2027-28. This resolution leaves unchanged January term, summer, and Quiet Week. Small clarifying language is added to fall break and spring break. Fall final exams are reduced from five days to four, without any additional evening exams. These alterations of the previous draft guidelines mean that there will be no fewer weeks available for science labs. The major changes are to move the beginning and ending of the fall terms one week early. We revised this resolution based on both the earlier survey of the entire campus community and the survey and comments from the faculty from the last faculty meeting. If this resolution fails, we will bring forward alternate calendars based on the current guidelines.

As the Committee finishes out our work for the year, we have drafted some changes to the Committee calendar, including deadlines for the the new Curriculum Committee to consider. Please don't hesitate to contact with suggestions or questions.

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