

**William Paterson University Faculty Senate Councils
Year-End Report
Academic Year 2023-2024**

1) Council: University Core Curriculum

2) Council Members:

- **Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences**
 - Liz Birge (Communication)
- **Business**
 - Martin Rudnick (Accounting & Law, served until February)
 - Ashley Lee (Management, Marketing & Sales, joined in February)
- **Education**
 - Elizabeth Harkins (Special Education & Counseling)
- **Science & Health**
 - Paul Von Dohlen (Mathematical Sciences, Tri-Chair)
- **Library**
 - Nancy Weiner (Cheng Library, Tri-Chair)
- **Professional Staff**
 - Lynne Orr (WP Online Student Success, Tri-Chair)
 - Gabriella Brown (Undergraduate Admissions)
- **At-Large**
 - Carl Bolleia (Music)
 - Justina Ekeocha (Psychology)
 - Ellen Frye (Languages & Cultures)
 - Vidya Kalaramadam (Community & Social Justice)
 - David Weisberg (Music)
- **Administration**
 - **UCC Director:** Balmurli Natrajan – Professor of Anthropology-Community Development and Social Justice
 - **Administrative Liaison:** Jonathan Lincoln- Associate Provost for Curriculum & International Education

3) Council Charges & Summary of Activities

a) Standing Charges:

Standing charges are being redeveloped this year—see priority charges.

b) Priority Charges for AY 2023-2024

- i) Develop new charges for the Council and propose updates of the bylaws.
 - New charges to be determined, although much of the work in terms of reviewing course proposals will remain the same.
 - Suggestions for charges include:
 - Develop and monitor flow of course submission process and identify areas needing improvement to facilitate course approvals.

- Updates to the bylaws underway and completion will be a priority at the start of the fall semester.
- ii) Make recommendations to the Senate for the configuration of a new UCC Council and Area Review Panels.
 - Reverting to the larger Council size (two representatives from each College and Professional staff) is recommended for the fall semester since the Council will be busy reviewing course submissions.
 - Recommended that each of the Review Panels have three to five members.
- iii) Develop and begin the process of recruiting qualified candidates.
 - Completed. Process for submission of qualifications for service on Review Panels developed. Applications reviewed and candidates selected based on the recommendation of the UCC Director Natrajan, chair Von Dohlen and members of the Senate Executive Committee. Each of the 14 Review Panels have three to five members.
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c) 2023-2024 Summary of Activities

- The UCC Council met **16** times during the academic year.
 - 9/29/23
 - 10/20/23
 - 11/10/23
 - 12/1/23
 - 12/15/23
 - 2/2/24
 - 2/16/24
 - 3/1/24
 - 3/18/24
 - 3/15/24
 - 4/5/24
 - 4/12/24
 - 4/18/24
 - 4/26/24
 - 5/3/24
 - 5/10/24
- UCC Director Natrajan presented various iterations of the UCC 2.0 Model to the Faculty Senate for discussion on 9/26/23, 10/10/23, 10/24/23, 11/14.23 and 11/28/24.
- The Senate voted in favor of the 43 credit UCC 2.0 model at the 11/28/24 meeting.
- The Council and UCC Director Natrajan developed a timeline for completion of critical tasks, with a completion goal of March/April 2024.
- After Senate approval of the model, the Council began development of area descriptions and discussed guidelines for populating the Review Panels.
- Focus remained on the area descriptions and SLOs in early spring. The course submission process also remained a priority.
- Once members were selected for the Review Panels, the Council shared drafts of Area Descriptions and SLOs with the Review Panels for review and feedback.
- Area descriptions and SLOs finalized and approved by the Council in April.
- Review of bylaws for the original UCC commenced and initial revisions completed to suit the needs of UCC 2.0. Several issues still need to be addressed and this will be a priority for next year.

4) Recommended Charges for the Next Academic Year:

- a)** Finalize standing charges.

5) Please provide suggestions for how the council can be better utilized in the next year: