

William Paterson University Faculty Senate Councils
Year-End Report
Academic Year 2024-2025

1) Council: University Core Curriculum

2) Council Members:

- **Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences**
 - Liz Birge (Communication)
 - Ellen Frye (Language, Literature, Culture & Writing, Tri-Chair)
- **Business**
 - Ashley Lee (Management, Marketing & Sales)
 - Chuanqian Zhang (Economics, Finance & Global Business)
- **Education**
 - Carrie Hong (Educational Leadership & Professional Studies)
- **Science & Health**
 - Janet Regan-Livingston (Nursing)
 - Paul von Dohlen (Mathematical Sciences, Tri-Chair)
- **Library**
 - Nancy Weiner (Cheng Library, Tri-Chair)
- **Professional Staff**
 - Gabriella Brown (Undergraduate Admissions)
- **At-Large**
 - Carl Bolleia (Music)
 - Justina Ekeocha (Psychology)
 - Vidya Kalaramadam (Community & Social Justice)
- **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:

The University Core Curriculum Council, working with the Undergraduate Council, shall monitor the UCC program and review and recommend to the Senate all proposed course and curriculum changes for UCC credit.

2023-2024 Summary of Activities

- The UCC Council met **13** times during the academic year.
 - 9/20/24
 - 10/04/24
 - 10/25/24
 - 11/08/24
 - 11/22/24
 - 12/06/24
 - 12/13/24

- 1/31/25
- 2/14/25
- 2/28/25
- 3/28/25
- 4/11/25
- 5/2/25

Course Approvals

- The UCC Council approved the following courses:
- Area A – Well Being
 1. CHEM 1220 - Cuisine Chemistry and Well Being
 2. ENV 1001 - Sustainable You
 3. HIST 1000 - The Well-Lived
 4. PHIL 1200 - Mindfulness and Contemplative Practices and Philosophies for Well Being
 5. PBHL 1100 – HealthyU
 6. POL 1250 - Law in Everyday Life
- Area B – Writing
 7. ENG - 1100 - College Writing
- Area C – Quantitative Literacies
 8. MATH 1100 - Contemporary Mathematics
 9. MATH 1150 - College Algebra
 10. MATH 1160 – Precalculus
 11. MATH 1170 - Business Mathematics
 12. MATH 1300 - Elementary Statistics
 13. MATH 1600 - Calculus I
- Area D – Creativity
 14. ART 1010 - Understanding Art
 15. CORE 1000 - Introduction to Creativity
 16. ENG 2310 - Introduction to Creative Writing
 17. MUSI 1140 - Digital Music Creation for Anyone
 18. MUSI 1150 - Understanding Music
 19. PHIL 1700 - Everyday Beauty and the Self: Aesthetics and Ethics
 20. PHIL 3600 - Fashion and Its Worlds
- Area E – Communication
 21. COMM 1160 Multimedia Storytelling
 22. COMM 1200 - Media and Society
 23. COMM 2340 - Film as a Medium
 24. COMM 2630 - Public Speaking
 25. ENG 2040 - Introduction to Writing and Rhetoric
 26. LANG 2020 - Spanglish and Communication Freedom
 27. PHIL 2020 Ethics & Aesthetics in Social Media Communication
 28. RPS 2100 – Negotiation
- Area F Critical Thinking & Problem Solving: Arts & Humanities
 29. ANTH 2100 - Digging The Past: An Intro to Archaeology
 30. ANTH 2400 - Why Language Matters
 31. CIED 2400 - History of Modern Education
 32. ENG 1500 - Literature and Life

- 33. HIST 1050 -Making the Modern World
- 34. HIST 1100 Turning Points: Past & Present
- 35. MUSI 1240 - Music Fundamentals
- Area G - Critical Thinking & Problem Solving: Behavioral & Social Sciences
 - 36. ANTH 1300 - Becoming and Being Human
 - 37. CIED 2160 - Child and Adolescent Development & Learning
 - 38. CDSJ 1000 - Communities, Power and Social Change
 - 39. ECON 2010 - Principles of Macroeconomics
 - 40. GEO 1500 – World Geography
 - 41. LANG 2000-Understanding Human Language
 - 42. POL 1200 – American Government
 - 43. PSY 1000 - General Psychology
 - 44. PSY 1200 -Critical Thinking in the Psychological Sciences
 - 45. SOC 1020 - Debating Contemporary Social Issues
 - 46. SOC 1010 - The Social World: An Introduction to Sociology
- Area H - Critical Thinking & Problem Solving: Natural Sciences
 - 47. BIO 1120 – General Anatomy & Physiology
 - 48. BIO 1200 - Human Biology
 - 49. BIO 1400 - Introductory Animal Behavior
 - 50. BIO 1620 - General Biology: Evolution, Ecology & Biodiversity
 - 51. BIO 1630 - General Biology: Cell, Molecular & Genetics
 - 52. CHEM 1310 - College Chemistry
 - 53. CHEM 1600 - General Chemistry I
 - 54. ENV 1100 - Introduction to Environmental Sustainability
 - 55. ENV 1150 - General Geology
 - 56. PHYS 1100 - Introduction to Physics
 - 57. PHYS 2600 -General Physics I
 - 58. PHYS 2550 - College Physics I
- Area I – Digital Literacies
 - 59. ARTS 2850 - Computer Graphics
 - 60. CIED 2000- Digital Literacies for Future Teachers
 - 61. CS 1101 -AI Literacy 101: A Comprehensive Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
 - 62. CS 2300 - Computer Science I
 - 63. ENG 2060 - Writing with Artificial Intelligence
 - 64. GEO 1000 - GIS Spaces and Places
 - 65. HIST 2000 - Digital Detectives: Investigating the Past
 - 66. HIST 2540 Family History
 - 67. MUSI 1510 - Introduction to Audio Recording
 - 68. MUSP 2000 - Creating & Performing Music Using AI
- Area J - Data & Analysis
 - 69. MATH 2300 - Statistics I
- Area K - Identities and Inequalities
 - 70. CDSJ 3800 – Childhood and Social Justice
 - 71. ECON 2400 – The Economics of Identity, Inequality, Poverty and Discrimination
 - 72. SOC 2310 – Sociology of Family

- 73. WGS 2250 - Race, Gender, and Social Justice
- Area L – Global Connectivities
 - 74. CDSJ 3100 - Global Transformations: Culture and Political Economy
 - 75. MUSI 2160 - World Music
- Area M – Decolonization & Justice
- Area N - Civic Engagement
 - 76. CORE 3000 - The Ethics and Politics of Food
 - 77. CORE 3530 - New Jersey's Immigrant Communities
- ii) The University Core Curriculum Council will review and make recommendations regarding all changes in UCC policy to the Senate.
 - Murli presented at several Senate meetings this year, but there were no UCC policy changes.

b) Priority Charges for AY 2024-2025

- i) Finalize UCC 2.0 bylaws.
 - Initial draft presented to the Faculty Senate for feedback. Council identified potential issues during several meetings but could not reach a consensus in terms of approving a final document. The goal is to have a document approved by Council and shared with the Faculty Senate early in the fall semester.
- ii) Perform course reviews at the council level, monitor the flow of the course submission process, and identify areas needing improvement to facilitate course approvals.
 - The Curriculog submission system is working well and has helped streamline the course approval process this past year.

4) Recommended Charges for the Next Academic Year:

- i) Retain priority charge to finalize the bylaws.

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