

Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee
Annual Report, 2016/2017 Academic Year
Giovanni Ruffini, Chair

The Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee met six times in the 2016/2017 academic year, in September, October, and December of 2016, and February, March and April of 2017. Members in attendance were:

Bayne (6)	McFadden (6)
Boryczka (1)	McSweeney (3)
Drake (4)	Nash (5)
Garvey (6)	Ruffini (6)
Jones (5)	Sally (2)
Lerner (3)	Steffen (1)
McClure (5)	Vernarelli (3)

The committee approved 20 new courses: AS484, CO 344, CO 539, CO 545, BI 216, BI 399J, HU 201, IT 222, MA 418, MA 531, MPA 450, PO 171, PO 172, PO 210, PH 283, PH 399, PY 233, RS 265, SA 16, SP 309. It also approved the existing EN 141 to run as a one-week turbo. It made an exemption to the rule governing Special Topics to allow RS 299 to run twice consecutively in honor of its place in celebrating Fairfield University's 75th anniversary.

On the matter of the Economics Department's proposal to move to the Dolan School of Business, a motion to eliminate the B.S. in economics in the College of Arts and Science failed. The committee approved a motion tasking the A&SCC to perform a 5-year review in the spring of 2022, if the move of the B.S. in Economics from the CAS to the DSB and the creation of the B.A. Quantitative Track is approved and is passed in the Academic Council.

On the matter of new programs, the committee approved the creation of minors in Islamic World Studies and Religion in the United States. A proposal to create an MPA Certificate in Non-profit Management and Electioneering passed. A proposal to create an MFA Certificate Program also passed. On a related note, the committee approved a motion to ask the Academic Council to amend the Journal of Record where appropriate to include reference to certificates in addition to programs. The committee also approved a revision to the Psychology program, eliminating the BA degree and revising the BS to be a 12-course, 38-credit degree.

On procedural matters, the committee approved a motion to forward to the appropriate CAS bodies a request to change college governance routing language to include an understanding of "curriculum areas" to include any appointed or elected body of faculty with a chair or director.

The chair approved many changes on his own authority, chiefly limited to renumbering and renaming classes. A full list of items approved by the chair is available upon request.