

**Annual Report of the Committee on University College (CUC)**  
**Academic Year 2010-2011**  
Submitted April 29, 2011

**1. Name of committee chairperson:** Gerard Campbell (DSB)

**2. Committee membership**

Anne Campbell	(GSEAP)
Gerard Campbell	(DSB)
Robbin Crabtree	Acting Dean of University College (ex officio)
Ryan Drake	(CAS) (Spring 2011 only)
Ed Deak	(CAS)
Joe Dennin	(CAS) (Spring 2011 only)
Rick DeWitt	(CAS) (Fall 2010 only)
Dee Lippman	(SON)
Aaron Perkus	Associate Dean of University College (invited guest)
Amalia Rusu	(SOE) (Fall 2010 only)

**3. Number of meetings attended by each committee member**

Anne Campbell	[7]
Gerard Campbell	[9]
Robbin Crabtree	[9]
Ryan Drake	[4] Spring only
Ed Deak	[8]
Joe Dennin	[4] Spring only
Rick DeWitt	[4] Fall only
Dee Lippman	[4]
Aaron Perkus	[9] invited guest
Amalia Rusu	[5] Fall only

**4. Dates of meetings**

September 1, 2010  
September 22, 2010  
October 6, 2010  
November 3, 2010  
December 1, 2010  
January 20, 2011  
February 10, 2011  
March 10, 2011  
April 7, 2011

**5. List of principal topics considered by committee**

a. Organizational structure of University College

Following the dismissal of UC Dean Edna Wilson at the end of the prior academic year, University administration indicated a preference for University College to be closed and for its programs to be integrated into the CAS and DSB. Subsequently, Academic Council formed a subcommittee to review the University College situation in light of shared governance procedures. An important point emphasized in the subcommittee's report is that governance procedures require that any recommendation to close University College would need to come from the CUC, and then be approved by UCC, EPC and Academic Council before going to the General Faculty for a vote. This led to the requirement that the CUC address the issue of organizational structure.

b. Review the Associate of Arts (AA) Degree program offered within University College

The committee reviewed enrollment data, discussed the potential future viability of the program and considered a motion to close the program.

c. Review the Bachelors of Professional Studies (BPS) Degree program offered within University College.

The committee started to review enrollment data and discuss the potential future viability of the BPS program.

**6. List of the decisions taken by the committee**

a. Organizational structure of University College

The CUC developed a recommendation to close University College. The committee recommended that its part-time degree programs be integrated into the College of Arts and Sciences and the Dolan School of Business. The committee also recommended that non-credit programs be located within a newly-established Center for Continuing Studies. These recommendations are formally stated in a six-part motion that is contained within a 39 page packet that is included in the minutes of the committee's March 2011 meeting. The packet includes much data pertaining to programs and students within University College, as well as a summary of the organizational structures at 27 other Jesuit colleges. The six-part motion was approved unanimously by the CUC.

b. Review the Associate of Arts (AA) Degree program offered within University College

The committee recommended that the AA degree program be closed, and it also recommended a transition plan to accommodate students currently in the program. A two-part motion for this is included as part of the committee's September 22, 2010 minutes. The motion was approved unanimously by the CUC.

- c. Review the Bachelors of Professional Studies (BPS) Degree program offered within University College.

The CUC decided that questions pertaining to the BPS degree program were related to the bigger picture of the organizational structure of University College. The six-part motion described above in section 6a includes the follow part related to the BPS:

“The CUC recommends that each degree-granting program currently housed in UC be transferred to the academic school where its curriculum and faculty reside. The Bachelor of Professional Studies (BPS) should be considered by both CAS and DSB, and these schools should make recommendations concerning the continuation or closure of the BPS degree program. “

## **7. Anticipated effects of these decisions**

- As of April 29, 2011, the motion to close University College has been approved by CUC, UCC and EPC. A packet containing the motion has been sent to Academic Council, and it is on the agenda for their May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. If it passes Academic Council, then it is likely to come before the General Faculty for a vote in Fall 2011. If it passes there, then the integration of part-time degree programs into CAS and DSB will begin to be implemented during the 2011-2012 academic year, as stated in the timeline included in the motion packet.
- The proposal to close the Associate of Arts degree program has received all necessary approvals and is being implemented, as outlined in the proposal.

## **8. Unfinished business**

- The packet containing the motion to close University College outlines a variety of activities that would be required subsequent to the motion's approval by the General Faculty. The CUC will need to interface with various other University committees as well as curriculum committees within the CAS and DSB to address a variety issues related to part-time degree programs.
- If the motion to close University College receives all necessary approvals, the administration and faculty will need to continue to work together to develop a “Center for Continuing Studies” for non-credit programs.
- If University College is closed, the future of the Committee on University College will need to be determined by Academic Council.

## **9. Future agenda items**

- How to best interact with other University committees as well as curriculum committees within the CAS and DSB to address a variety issues related to part-time degree programs.