

Annual Report of the Committee on University College (CUC)
Academic Year 2011-2012
Submitted May 1, 2012

1. Name of committee chairperson: Ryan Munden (SOE)

2. Committee membership

Anne Campbell	(GSEAP)
Gerard Campbell	(DSB)
Robbin Crabtree	Acting Dean of University College (ex officio)
Ryan Drake	(CAS)
Terry-Ann Jones	(CAS)
Dee Lippman	(SON)
Ryan Munden	(SOE)
Aaron Perkus	Associate Dean of University College (invited guest)

3. Number of meetings attended by each committee member

Anne Campbell	[2]
Gerard Campbell	[4]
Robbin Crabtree	[4]
Ryan Drake	[4]
Terry-Ann Jones	[4]
Dee Lippman	[2]
Ryan Munden	[4]
Aaron Perkus	[3] invited guest

4. Dates of meetings

September 7, 2011
October 14, 2011
November 16, 2011
April 27, 2012

5. List of principal topics considered by committee

a. Proposal to close University College

Last year the CUC approved a recommendation to close University College, integrating its part-time degree programs 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 Education. These recommendations were 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. As required by governance procedures the recommendation to close University College from the CUC, was approved by UCC and

EPC. Academic Council needed to approve it before going to the General Faculty for a vote. The CUC discussed the Memorandum from Gerard Campbell, Robbin Crabtree, Irene Mulvey and Aaron Perkus that was submitted to Academic Council on August 28th, 2011.

- b. Proposal to house part-time degree seeking students within the schools and college

The committee reviewed enrollment data, and discussed issues related to students moving between full- and part-time statuses. The committee also reviewed the recommendation and attendant issues that would need to be addressed in moving part-time students into the College of Arts and Sciences and Dolan School of Business.

- c. Proposal to move the Bachelors of Professional Studies (BPS) Degree program to the College of Arts & Science and/or Dolan School of Business

The committee reviewed the role and viability of the BPS program, and the likelihood of it being housed within the CAS or DSB upon closure of University College.

- d. Proposal to create a Center for Continuing Education

The committee reviewed the recommendation that a subcommittee be formed to address the possibility of forming a Center for Continuing Education upon closure of University College, and the needs that such center would serve.

6. List of the decisions taken by the committee

- a. Proposal to close University College

The CUC unanimously supported (on 9/7/2011) the Memorandum (dated 8/11/11) which Gerard Campbell, Robbin Crabtree, Irene Mulvey and Aaron Perkus sent to AC, recommending the formation of two subcommittees of the AC to address the following two issues related to the closing of UC: 1) moving part time students into CAS and DSB, and 2) forming a Center for Continuing Education. The AC subsequently approved the memo's recommendations and formed the Academic Council Subcommittee on University College (ACSCUC), whose report was a prerequisite to AC approving closure of UC and moving to a General Faculty vote. The CUC supported the work of the ACSCUC through three members of CUC and Aaron Perkus being named members of the ACSCUC, and in providing clarification to those members through CUC meetings. This supported the approval by the Academic Council, and ultimately an affirmative vote by the General Faculty on February 11, 2012 to close University College.

- b. Proposal to house part-time degree seeking students within the schools and college

The committee recommended as part of the memo and former motions presented to AC that part-time students be moved into CAS and DSB upon closure of UC and continued to provide guidance to members of the ACSCUC on issues to be addressed in making a statement of policy guidelines regarding part-time students. This statement ultimately came from ACSCUC as part of its report to the AC.

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

The CUC investigated the issues related to moving the BPS into either CAS or DSB, and provided guidance to ACSCUC and the AC that DSB would not likely be able to house the BPS program but that CAS may be able to, but that those decisions would rest with CAS and DSB directly. It is noted that ultimately DSB did reject the BPS program, and CAS accepted it, and will house it in the future.

7. Anticipated effects of these decisions

- As of April 27, 2012, the General Faculty has approved closure of University College (see the minutes of the General Faculty meeting from 3/2/2012), moving part-time programs into their respective schools. This will result in the administration making the necessary changes to student enrollment, matriculation, registration. Full-time faculty will now be more involved with advising part-time students. Department chairs will be more involved in scheduling courses to meet the needs of part-time students. Part-time students will now have a Fairfield experience more in line with that our full-time students have, with consistent Core requirements, and faculty advising and oversight of their programs and progress.
- Some minor changes in the BPS program will occur as it is moved to the CAS, but it will remain substantially intact.
- Non-degree seeking and non-credit students will need a new administrative body to facilitate their enrollment in courses.

8. Unfinished business

- The AC has approved the recommendation from the AC Subcommittee on Continuing Education that the CUC investigate fully the desirability of developing a Center for Continuing Education for non-credit/non-degree programs.
- As University College is closed, the future of the Committee on University College will need to be determined by Academic Council.

9. Future agenda items

- AC will likely ask the CUC to address the desirability of creating a Center for Continuing Education at future meetings.
- Investigate whether or not to take up strategic and academic policy issues related to online courses.