Academic Affairs Committee Report 2023-2024

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Charge of the Committee:
The Academic Affairs committee considers and recommends to the Senate actions on requests for additions, deletions or changes in undergraduate courses or programs of the University. The committee also considers and notifies the Senate of minor changes in courses, such as course titles, descriptions, or credit hours. These minor changes do not need Senate approval, but are submitted to the Senate for notification only. When considering additions, deletions, or changes to courses, special attention will be given by the committee to avoid duplication or obsolescence. The committee will also evaluate educational policies, admission standards and new programs of instruction.

The Committee was convened on the following dates: September 12th, 2023; October 10th, 2023; November 7th, 2023; December 12th, 2023; February 13th, 2024; March 12th, 2024; April 9th, 2024; May 7th, 2024

Notable Events
1) Committee recommended changing the deadline for Academic Affairs Committee meeting proposals from 14 days to 7 business days before the meeting.
2) Committee recommended changes to membership criteria for Academic Affairs Committee chairmanship.
3) Committee recommended adding 8 new programs in minor in Education, Health and Human Performance, HTC Honors college, and Humanities and Fine Arts
4) Committee recommended adding a new program in Public Relations & Strategic Communication
5) Committee recommended adding a new program in Business
6) Committee recommended adding 3 new B.S.B.A. programs in Business
7) Committee recommended adding a new B.A. program in Cyber Threat Intelligence

Summary of Topics Discussed and Approved

This past academic year, the Academic Affairs Committee reviewed:
13 proposals for new programs
69 proposals for new undergraduate courses
54 proposals for changes to an undergraduate program;
161 proposals for changes in, restoration of, or removal of an undergraduate course.

E. Craig Wall, Sr. College of Business
1) 4 new program proposals passed.
2) 9 course changes passed
3) 10 change to undergraduate programs passed
4) 4 new courses passed

Spadoni College of Education and Social Sciences
1) 4 new program proposals passed.
2) 19 course changes passed
3) 7 changes to undergraduate programs passed
4) 19 new courses passed

Conway Medical Center College of Health and Human Performance
5) 2 new program proposals passed.
6) 26 course changes passed
7) 5 changes to undergraduate programs passed
8) 3 new courses passed

Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts
1) 2 new program proposals passed
2) 43 course changes passed
3) 20 changes to undergraduate programs passed
4) 32 new courses passed

Gupta College of Science
1) 58 course changes passed
2) 8 changes to undergraduate programs passed
3) 9 new courses passed

HTC Honors College and Center for Interdisciplinary Studies
1) 1 new program proposal passed
2) 5 course changes passed
3) 3 change to undergraduate programs passed
4) 2 new courses passed

Coastal Studies and Success Center
1) 1 course changes passed

Other proposed changes:
1) 1 Core curriculum program change passed
2) Addition to the catalog addressing State Proviso 117.152 passed
3) Revision proposed to ACAD 124, 125, 136, 134 and 140 policies
4) Statement change on zero-credit courses
5) Automatic archival and deletion of courses.
5) Proposed change on credit by exam and CLEP policy

This concludes the final Academic Affairs Committee report for the 2023-2024 academic year.