TO: Simon Bott, Chair
Undergraduate Council

FROM: Charles Peters, Chair
Degree Programs Committee

SUBJECT: Committee Report 2/16/2011

DATE: February 16, 2011

The Degree Programs Committee met on 2/16/2011. Attending were Roger Blakeney, Christina Gola, Rick Kasschau, Jarron Saint Onge, John Snyder, and Jerry Waite. Pat Deeves from Art, Thomas Behr from Liberal Arts Studies and Julie Fix from VSO/C were guests.

UC11105: Revision to the BA in Art History

There are no changes in the total number of hours or the number of hours in major. The proposed changes are for the sake of clarity. The committee recommends approval.

UC11106: Changes in the Advertising Concentration of the VSoC

Cosmetic changes only. COMM 4365 has been added to the list of approved electives. The committee recommends approval.

UC11107: Changes in the Corporate Communication Concentration of the VSoC

A minor redistribution of hours in the four blocks of requirements, the addition of two courses to the lists of approved electives and the addition of a minimum grade warning for COMM 2320. The committee recommends approval.

UC11108: Changes in the Film Studies Minor of the VSoC

Deletes four courses which are no longer offered from the list of approved electives for the Film Studies minor. The committee recommends approval.

UC11109: Changes in the Health Communication Concentration of the VSoC

Replaces the current two sequences in Health Communication Delivery and Public Health Promotion by a single track: Health Communication. The changes are for better management of faculty resources and student demand. There is no change in the number of hours. The committee recommends approval.
UC11110: Changes in the Health Communication Minor of the VSoC

Replaces the current two tracks by one, for the reasons indicated above. The committee recommends approval.

UC11111: Changes in the Journalism Concentration of the VSoC

Changes the Print Media and Broadcast Media sequences by adding a number of COMM courses to the list of approved electives. The substance of the proposed changes was unanimously approved by the committee but there was considerable discussion of the appropriateness of the title “Print Media Sequence”. The majority of the courses listed deal not with old-fashioned print media but rather with digital media. VSoC’s representative felt that their faculty would not approve a change in the title. By majority vote, the committee recommends approval of UC11111.

UC11112: Changes in the Media Production Concentration of the VSoC

Creates a new category of electives (Group 2) and revises the existing Group 4. No change in hours. The committee recommends approval.

UC11113: Changes in the Media Studies Concentration of the VSoC

Adds COMM 2320: Fundamentals of Media Production as a required course. Deletes four courses from the list of approved electives and adds three others. The committee recommends approval.

UC11114: Addition of Certificate in Global Studies and Research to CLASS special programs

The Certificate in Global Studies and Research will be added to the options for the requirement in CLASS for the equivalent of a minor. CLASS approves. The committee recommends approval.

UC11115: ILAS 2350 Requirement for a B.A. in Liberal Studies

Recommend for approval subject to the deletion of the sentence “For transfer students who arrive …. by the Director of Liberal Studies” in paragraph 3 of the proposed catalog language. The Director has the authority to waive the requirement by petition if transfer students have background and experience meeting the same purpose as ILAS 2350. It is not necessary to raise the issue in the catalog.