

**Annual Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee  
Submitted to the Office of the Corporate Secretary and General Council,  
University of Winnipeg  
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The Senate Curriculum Committee (SCC) is pleased to present its Annual report for the 2014-2015 academic year. The SCC has had a very busy and productive year and recognizes the following key points that formed much of the discussion and deliberations among the committee over the past year.

**Curriculum specifics – Evaluation of Course Components**

Between May 2014-April 2015 the following has been reviewed by SCC:

75 credit hours of new courses  
105 credit hours of revisions  
54 credit hours of deletions  
66 credit hours of experimental courses

The committee also approved a new Minor in Art History.

The Senate Curriculum Committee also reviewed and submitted for approval revisions to degree requirements from the following departments:

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There was also an addition of a new 4-Year BA in Modern Languages (approved by Academic Planning, and subsequently vetted and approved by SCC).

In addition, Sociology's curriculum package was brought forward by Academic Planning and was also vetted by the SCC. It included an additional:

24 credit hours of experimental courses  
15 credit hours of revisions  
18 credit hours of deletions

**Additional Issues**

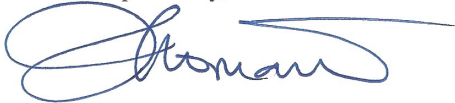
The SCC has also discussed the issue of special topics courses that are presented before the committee from time to time. While it is recognized that special topics courses are a very flexible and valuable part of any department's curriculum, concerns were raised about the considerable range of topics (with completely different subject matter and course outline) that can be included within each special topics course. The SCC thus proposes that a new mechanism be developed to propose and review each iteration of the special topics courses so they can be vetted for content and sent to interested/implicated departments by way of course consults. It has been suggested that an expedited form of SCC review be developed

to review the special topics course each time it is offered.

The SCC has also discussed the new senate syllabus guidelines with respect to the requirement of specific rubrics for the allocation of attendance and participation marks. Many department curriculum committees are unaware of these changes and consequently fail to submit the required information. The SCC has suggested that the current course proposal/course revision form templates be changed to include a checklist of required information that must be submitted to the SCC; which includes this rubric, as well as course consults, library review, health and safety concerns, etc.

SCC expresses sincere thanks to all members for their great attention and care in examining the large volume of materials forwarded to this committee. However, the greatest debt of gratitude and respect is owed to Ms. Jackie Benson whose tremendous diligence, good will and organizational acumen sets an incomparable standard for both excellence and integrity.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Romanow', with a large, stylized loop at the beginning.

Jacqueline T. Romanow (chair of the SCC)

On behalf of the Members of the Senate Curriculum Committee:

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Thank-you.