Committee on Curricula and Courses Annual Report 2012-2013

Members of the Committee:

Elected: Katherine Adams (English), Pat Gehrke (English), Brian Habing (Statistics, Chair), Michael Hill (Languages, Literatures, & Cultures), Tom Weir (Mass Communications & Info. Studies), Xuhong Su (Political Science)

Appointed: Kris Finnigan (ex-officio, Office of the Provost), Murray Mitchell (ex-officio, Graduate School), Robert Castleberry (USC Sumter), Brendan Nagle (Student), and Sydney Quinn (Student).

During the 2012-2013 academic year the Faculty Senate Committee on Curricula and Courses reviewed a total of over 480 proposals (not separately counting the individual integrative course proposals for the Carolina Core or the courses in a mass deletion from the College of Pharmacy). With this year's work, the vast majority proposals needed to implement the Carolina Core have been fully approved.

The transition to paperless processing of curricula and course proposals is nearing completion thanks to the effort of Kris Finnigan and Elise Ahyi from the Office of the Provost. The new system will greatly simplify the work of the committee, the Faculty Senate office, and those developing proposals.

The committee worked this past year on clarifying the requirements for approval of distance education proposals. In particular the approval of these proposals will be taken over by the Faculty Senate Committee on Instructional Development beginning with the October 2013 committee meetings. Their focused attention should allow the Faculty Senate to better assist in maintaining the high quality of our courses offered outside of a traditional classroom setting.

The committee heartily thanks Jeanna Luker in the Faculty Senate office for her timely and informed handling of the business of the committee, and appreciates her ability to keep everything and everyone on track.

The Chair of the committee thanks all of its faculty and student members for their work in assuring that the committee efficiently fulfilled its responsibilities.

The committee elected Professor Brian Habing (Statistics) as Chair for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Respectfully submitted on August 30, 2013, by Brian Habing, Chair 2012-2013