

COURSES AND CURRICULA COMMITTEE

Operating procedures

- 1. Checking that the proposal is consisted with the guidelines set forth in PS-45.
 - a. Proposals are submitted to the Registrar who disseminates them to committee members.
 - b. The Committee meets every other week and discusses each item in detail.
 - c. The Committee and Registrar (or designee) exchange revisions and additional information needed by the Committee.
 - d. The Registrar's office receives final approval of all submitted revisions and final approved items are sent to OAA for implementation.
- 2. Verifying new course proposals have been properly justified as to need, anticipated cohort, and uniqueness.
- 3. Ensuring that all new courses meet SACS requirements so the number of hours proposed for lecture, lab, and all student out of class activities meet the minimum required by SACS.
- 4. Checking that all course syllabi meet LSU standards and are consistent with LSU policies such as PS-22 that describes excused absences.
- 5. Checking that new courses have been carefully developed. For example: (1) A course that anticipates 60 students cannot propose 30 min student presentations to be given in the 3 course meetings during dead week because 30 total hours would be required for the proposed activity. (2) A field trip course that took place during 10 days would not be approved without careful thought on contingency plans for excused absences.
- 6. Verifying with other academic units that a proposal does not create conflicts with their unit and proposing resolutions to conflicts.
- 7. Verifying that a new curriculum has the proper contingency plans for students who fail to matriculate.
- 8. Addressing new courses and curricula concerns for the University, including, but not only, oversight of new online courses and curricula.