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Policy change:

The Academic Priorities Council, at the urging of previous Provost Katherine Newman, and with appreciation of previous remarks made to the Faculty Senate by John McCarthy concerning the slow pace of proposal approvals, adopted the new policy whereby either the proposer or a designee must be present at the APC meeting or else the proposal will not be considered.

Approvals:

The APC considered and approved the following proposals:

1. Real Estate Series Certificate at Isenberg
2. Revision of the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Program in Civil and Environmental Engineering
3. Graduate Certificate in Complementary and Integrative Modalities for Health Professionals
4. Concentration in Nursing Education
5. Centers and Institutes: Comprehensive Policy on Approval and Review
6. Graduate Certificate in Trust, Assurance, and Cybersecurity
7. Revision of the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Geography Degree Program in the Department of Geosciences with minor changes to the current B.A. degree concentration names and requirements and the addition of a set of new concentrations
8. Revision of the minimum grade requirements for the Biology major
9. Revision of the Audiology (Au.D.) Degree Program in the Department of Communication Disorders
10. Revision of the Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree Program in the Department of Communication Disorders
11. Revision of the Minor in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies
12. Revision of the requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Program in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies
13. Revision of the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Program in Comparative Literature
14. Graduate Certificate in Public Health Ethics
15. Revision of the Master’s Degree in Mathematics with a concentration in Statistics in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics
16. Revision of the Public Health Leader Concentration in the DNP Program in the College of Nursing
17. Revision of the Global Education requirement for the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) majors in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
18. Revision of the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) major requirements in the Department of Anthropology
19. Revision of the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) major requirements in the Department of Communication
20. Revision of the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) major requirements in the Department of Economics
21. Revision of the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) major requirements in the Department of Journalism
22. Revision of the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) major requirements in the Program in Legal Studies
23. Revision of the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) major requirements in the Department of Political Science
24. Revision of Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) major requirements in the Program in Social Thought and Political Economy (STPEC)
25. Revision of the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) major requirements in the Department of Sociology
26. Revision of the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree Program in Sustainable Community Development in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning
27. Establishment of continuation requirements for the Major in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
28. Revision of the Commonwealth Honors College Requirements

Discussions:

The APC discussed how it can provide to the provost a perspective on AQUAD reports. The matter is still under consideration.

The APC also discussed issues that arise when a college decides to alter its requirements and this can have a profound effect on the course offerings of another college.