**Curriculum Council 11/07/08 agenda item**

**Curriculum Council**

Standing Rules

The Curriculum Council reviews University curricula in an effort to implement the long-range educational mission of the University. After careful study, it recommends the introduction of new programs or changes in existing programs. It makes recommendations regarding major curricular changes proposed by the academic units of the University. It attempts by coordination to bring about a suitable and rational balance of academic programs. It approves minor curricular changes. It formulates curricular policy and publishes, in cooperation with the Office of Academic Programs and Academic Assessment, a Curricular Procedures Handbook. Also, in cooperation with the Office of Academic Programs and Academic Assessment, it conducts periodic reviews of all undergraduate programs and reports the results of these reviews to the Provost.

The Council consists of at least nine and up to thirteen Faculty members and two Student members. In addition, the following shall be ex-officio members, non-voting: The Director of Academic Programs and Academic Assessment and one person appointed annually to represent the following: Budgets & Fiscal Planning Committee, Registrar's Office, University Libraries, and Extended Campus. The following areas shall be represented by liaison members, non-voting, and appointed annually: OSU-Cascades Campus, Academic Advising Council, and Instructional Technology.

**Distance Education Committee**

Standing Rules

The Distance Education Committee reviews and recommends policies on matters pertaining to distance education that promote the educational mission of the University. It provides policy recommendations regarding faculty relations as they pertain to the creation, implementation, delivery, rewards, and intellectual property rights related to distance education courses and programs. It advises in the long-term planning and financing of distance education courses and programs, including student marketing, recruitment and retention issues in order to ensure a sustainable student base. It advises on distance education curriculum priorities, development, standards and evaluation, and reviews certificate programs to insure high quality offerings. The Committee monitors standards of academic quality for all distance education courses to ensure the quality and uniformity of degree offerings. The Committee maintains a continuing examination of the impact of distance education on the educational mission of individual programs, departments, colleges and the University. It provides reports and recommendations to the Faculty Senate and operates in an advisory role to the Associate Provost of OSU Extended Campus.

The Committee consists of six Faculty, at least three of whom shall be from units or programs with existing or developing distance education courses, and two Students (preferably with distance education experience), one of whom shall be a graduate student, ideally to provide a broad representation of academic disciplines. In addition, ex-officio, non-voting members shall include one representative from each of the following: Budgets and Fiscal Planning Committee, Curriculum Council, Graduate Council, Valley Library, and the Associate Provost of OSU Extended Campus, or designee.