

William Paterson University Faculty Senate Councils  
Year-End Report  
Academic Year 2022-2023

**Council:** University Core Curriculum

**Council Members:**

**Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences**

- Liz Birge (Communication)
- Sean Wilson (Sociology & Criminal Justice)

**Business**

- Martin Rudnick (Accounting & Law)
- Lawrence Verzani (Economics, Finance & Global Business)

**Education**

- Elizabeth Harkins (Special Education & Counseling)
- Vacant

**Science & Health**

- Parminder Kaur (Chemistry)
- Paul VonDohlen (Mathematical Sciences, Co-Chair)

**Library**

- Nancy Weiner (Co-Chair)

**Professional Staff**

- Lynne Orr (WP Online Student Success, Co-Chair)
- Donna Rennar-Potacco (fall-Science Enrichment Center)
- Gabriella Brown (spring-Advisement)

**At-Large**

- Carl Bolleia (Music)
- Justina Ekeocha (Psychology)
- Ellen Frye (Languages & Cultures)
- Vidya Kalaramadam (Community & Social Justice)
- David Weisberg (Music)

**Administration**

**UCC Director**

- Balmurli Natrajan – Professor of Anthropology-Community Development and Social Justice

**Administrative Liaison**

- Jonathan Lincoln- Associate Provost for Curriculum & International Education

**Review Panel Chairs**

- **Wellbeing:** Kathy Gill (Kinesiology)
- **Expression:** Brian O’Broin (English)
- **Historical & Philosophical Perspectives:** K. Molly O’Donnell (History)
- **Social & Behavioral Sciences:** Kate Makarec (Psychology)
- **Science/Quantitative:** Donna Rennar-Potacco fall (Science Enrichment Center)
- **Diversity & Justice:** Naa-Solo Tettey (Public Health)
- **Community & Civic Engagement:** Lili Milanec (Community & Social Justice Studies)
- **Global Awareness:** (Priya Nagaraj (Economics, Finance & Global Business)

- **Technology Intensive:** Nancy Weiner (Cheng Library)
- **Writing Intensive:** Steve Betts (Marketing, Management & Professional Sales)

### **Council Charges and Summary of Council Activities**

#### Standing Charges:

1) The University Core Curriculum Council working with the Undergraduate Council shall monitor the UCC program and review and recommend to the Senate all proposed course and curriculum changes for UCC credit.

- The Council met (virtually) on the following dates:
  - September 30, 2022
  - October 21, 2022
  - November 18, 2022
  - December 9, 2022
  - February 10, 2023
  - March 24, 2023
  - April 21, 2023
  - May 19, 2023
- The Council approved 13 courses:
  - ASN/KORE 3280 Korean Popular Music in Global and Local Contexts-Area 6, Global Awareness
  - BIO 2010 Global Change Biology-Area 6, Global Awareness
  - CDSJ 3000 Foundations of Community Development- Area 5, Community & Civic Engagement and Writing Intensive
  - CODS 3620 Speech and Hearing Science-Technology Intensive
  - COMM 2090 Introduction to Podcasting – Technology Intensive
  - COMM 3190 Advanced Podcasting – Technology Intensive
  - ECON 2400 Economics of Poverty, Inequality & Discrimination - Area 4, Diversity & Justice
  - ENV 1001 Sustainable You- Area 1, Personal Well Being
  - HIST 3710 Modern China-Area 6, Global Awareness
  - MUS 3450 Global Music Ensemble-Area 6, Global Awareness
  - PHIL 3600 Fashion Philosophical Approaches- TI (resubmit)
  - SPAN 2340/LAS 2340 Readings in Hispanic Literature-Area 6, Global Awareness
  - SPAN 3220/LAS 3220/AWS 3320 Afro-Hispanic American Literature & Culture- Area 4, Diversity & Justice

2) The University Core Curriculum Council will review and make recommendations regarding all changes in UCC policy to the Senate.

- The chairs provided the Faculty Senate with suggested revisions to the student learning outcomes for the six areas at the November 22, 2022 Faculty Senate meeting. The SLOs for Areas 4, 5 and 6 were reviewed at the meeting but the suggestion was for Senators to take the suggested revisions for all areas back to their departments for discussion.

Priority Charges for 2022-2023:

*Knowing that a new UCC Director was coming on board in spring 2023, the Council focused on standing charges and did not address the priority charges anticipating they will be addressed in the year ahead.*

- 1) Assess the UCC Area Six (Global Awareness) and Area 3A (Philosophical Perspectives) and complete the Area SLO updates for remaining areas.
- 2) Review the UCC SLOs in alignment with the new Strategic Plan.
- 3) Develop and implement strategies to re-educate and re-engage the university community in the UCC program in alignment with the new Strategic Plan, including an update of the UCC website.
- 4) Design and implement a strategy for course renewal to align with updated UCC area outcomes.

- **Recommended Charges for the Next Academic Year:**

- **Please provide suggestions for how the council can be better utilized in the next year.**

- 1) Have a graduate assistant to assist with meeting notes, file organization, website and assessment activities.