

I am seeking to be re-elected Chair of the Curriculum and Research (C&R) Policy Committee for Academic Year 2019/20. C&R started this fall with 20 referrals. Of those referrals, 14 have been resolved with 6 moving forward to next academic year. C&R reviewed and approved 6 different curriculum proposals (new degree programs, new minors, and name changes), 6 Curriculum Policies, and we are currently reviewing 2 ORU Programs. Notably, C&R approved the curriculum for the development of the Doctor in Audiology Program that is scheduled to start in AY2020, worked hard to find a solution to the GE Area D problem as noted by the chancellor's office, and established the University Grading System Policy. As chair of C&R, I helped lead the discussions in all of these items. In addition I tried to ensure that all policies and curriculum reviews included discussions with all relevant parties seeking feedback and collaboration before C&R deliberated and voted on items. As chair, I would continue my efforts as the committee works on items relevant to curriculum and research. However, none of this work on C&R could have been accomplished without the amazing committee that I had this year and I thank them all for their hard work and keeping me in check at times. ;)

As busy as C&R was this past year, the committee will continue to work on the referrals that we have before us. The majority of the referrals revolve around curriculum (both GE and Majors/Minors). Therefore, the priority for C&R next year will be to address these curricular issues. As chair, I have been actively engaged this year in starting the process to tackle these curricular issues. I helped lead a session at the senate retreat seeking your feedback on curricular concerns, priorities and guidance which C&R will use next year as it takes on this task. I ask that you re-elect me to chair the committee next year to help lead and guide the committee through these two large tasks in addition to our continued review of policies to help promote student success.

Respectfully,

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