

I am seeking to be re-elected Chair of the Curriculum and Research (C&R) Policy Committee for Academic Year 2020/21. I have served as chair the last two academic years and I would like to complete some of the complex projects that were started this year in C&R. Most notably, the committee started the process of reviewing and updating the General Education Policy and Guidelines as well as creating a General Curriculum Policy. As chair of C&R this past year, I worked closely with the Senate Chair, Vice Provost Anagnos, Kathleen McConnell and many others to facilitate a two day GE summit, the first of its kind at SJSU. This summit was well attended and the faculty participants gave a large amount of feedback for our GE Program. All of this information is now with C&R and we have been working slowly through it. My goal would be to complete this project with updated GE Guidelines and policy by the end of next academic year.

In addition, C&R has worked very hard this year on policies and approval of various curriculum. University Policy F19-1 Combined Bachelor's and Master's Programs was approved by the senate and president. We also brought to the senate S20-3 Graduate Credit Earned by SJSU Undergraduate Students which is currently waiting on the President's Decision. C&R also reviewed and recommended approval of the creation of 8 new minors, 4 new MS Degree programs, 3 degree elevations, and 3 new concentrations.

As chair of C&R, I have helped lead the discussions on all of our work. 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. =)

Respectfully,

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