TO: The Academic Senate

FROM: Committee on Instruction and Curriculum

SUBJECT: Posting of Curricular Actions

PURPOSE: For Action by the Senate

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Academic Senate approve the policy that all non-CIC curricular actions be provided to the Academic Senate Office quarterly by the Office of the Associate Vice President for Academic Programs and Graduate Studies, for posting to the CIC website; effective upon the signature of the President.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Historically, CIC reviewed all curricular proposals, whether new, revisions or deletions. The process for curricular approval was subsequently changed by the Senate, as a result of the dramatic increase in volume of curricular proposals, so that modification of existing non-GE majors and programs go to their respective college committees, deans, and the AVP for Academic Programs for review. These issues are brought before CIC and the Senate only when other departments in other colleges have unresolved objections to new courses, modifications of existing courses, and modifications of programs.

There was a debate on the Senate floor last year regarding the Senate’s concern about not being advised of non-GE curricular changes. There was discussion on this topic in CAPR this year as well and the subject was referred to CIC on Feb. 8, 2006.

The referral stated that it would be helpful to the University and the faculty if all curricular changes were noted in one place. The various Interdisciplinary programs and the catalog and articulation offices would find it extremely helpful to have the ability to access this body of curricular changes.

CIC discussed this issue and approved a policy to utilize the existing CIC Documents page on the Senate web site. Upon approval, the Academic Programs and Graduate Studies Office (APGS) will be required to send a “Summary of Approved Non-CIC Curricular Actions” each quarter to the Senate Office, to be posted on the CIC documents web page. The result would make this information available to any interested parties without great cost or effort on anyone’s part, and it would be provided in the same place as CIC-approved changes. Thus, all approved curricular changes would be noted in one place. This policy will help to facilitate communication about curricular changes between the colleges.