Undergraduate Policy Committee 2013-2014

The UPC began its year by reviewing its mission. The creation of an ad-hoc liberal studies committee to steward the transition of the University’s general education curriculum changed the dynamics of the UPC’s activities. In keeping with its core goal to consider University-wide policies on undergraduate academic affairs, the UPC will now also review and approve new degree programs, generate review, and approve undergraduate policy. In addition, the UPC will continue to review and approve criteria policy, and courses identified as meeting computer competency, and oral competency.

The UPC created and/or revised the following policies, which it then brought to the Faculty Senate for consideration:

- The UPC approved revisions to the UPC’s Oral Competency Communication Requirement to provide guidance to the Colleges about waivers and exceptions as this responsibility has been delegated to the baccalaureate deans’ offices beginning in the Fall 2013 term.
- The UPC approved a University-Wide Standards for Undergraduate Teaching Assistants
- The UPC approved a UPC Criteria for Undergraduate Academic Programs

The UPC undertook a review of the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences program (ISS) as part of its Quality Enhancement Review (QER). The UPC made a set of recommendations to the program and shared those recommendations with the Provost.

The UPC approved the following course for computer competency: CCJ 3071: Computer Applications in Public Safety and Security

The UPC approved the following seven courses for the OCCR competency: HIS 4065: Public History Theory and Methods; CLA 2110: Debates About the Past: Greek Civilization, History, and Culture; CLA 2123: Debates About the Past: Roman Civilization, History, and Culture; MSL 4301: Leadership & Management; COM2: Online Communication and Presence; EIN 3010: Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering Tools; and IFS 2021: Social Responsibility (Rhetorically Speaking)