Multidisciplinary Curriculum Committee
Final Report
AY 2012-2013
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Charge: Review and recommend conversions to semesters as they are advanced.

Report: The Multidisciplinary Curriculum Committee (MDCC) met monthly during the academic year to review semester conversions for programs and courses in the Center for Multidisciplinary Studies.

This year, the MDCC approved 60 courses and one minor. Over the past two years the committee has approved semester versions of 90 courses, one minor, one advanced certificate, and four degree programs.

Thirteen of these courses were approved as general education courses (nine as perspectives), with an additional nine courses to be reviewed by the General Education committee in 2013/2014.

Five courses were approved as writing intensive by the Institute Writing Committee, with an additional three courses pending.

The Innovation minor was approved by the MDCC but was not approved by the ICC this year. We will be re-submitting the minor to the ICC in the fall.

Other activities:

The committee has had some interesting discussions on models for faculty appointments to the Center (as outlined in our Charter) and for faculty collaboration in delivering interdisciplinary courses. We have also discussed preliminary criteria and processes for the faculty appointments. No specific recommendations for either were made by the committee.

Recommendation for charges to the committee, Academic Year 2013-14

Since conversion activities are complete, the committee’s charges for AY 2013-2014 would be to review and approve new courses and programs submitted by the Center for Multidisciplinary Studies.