Curriculum Committee Terms of Reference Sub-committee of Academic Council



- 1. The curriculum committee is a standing committee of Academic Council and reports to Academic Council.
 - 1.1. Academic Council approves and reviews the Terms of Reference for this Committee.
 - 1.2. The terms of reference will be reviewed every five (5) years by the committee or at the discretion of Academic Council.
- 2. The purpose of Curriculum Committee is to manage curriculum changes and to ensure that all programs at Northwestern Polytechnic have an integrated design and coordinated curriculum.
- 3. Committee Composition
 - 3.1. Provost and Vice-President Academic (ex officio)
 - 3.2. Dean from each School
 - 3.2.1. A Dean will be selected as the Chair of the Curriculum Committee for a two-year term. A Dean must take a term off before serving as Chair again. In the absence of a Chair, the Registrar will act as Chair.
 - 3.3. Registrar
 - 3.4. Two (2) students appointed by the Students' Association
 - 3.5. Four (4) Faculty members one (1) from each School elected by the Academic Staff Association.
 - 3.5.1. Four (4) Faculty members, one (1) from each school to serve as alternates.
 - 3.6. Two (2) Faculty members from the Centre for Teaching and Learning
 - 3.7. Curriculum and Articulation Coordinator (resource, non-voting member).

4. Membership

- 4.1. Membership nominated by Academic Council Nominating Committee and the Students' Association.
 - 4.1.1. Students are elected on a 1-year term and can serve concurrent terms.
 - 4.1.2. Faculty are elected on a 2-year term and must take a term off before serving again. Faculty terms are alternating to maintain experience on the committee year over year.
- 4.2. Membership vacancies on the committee will be elected at the May meeting of Academic Council for the following academic year.
- 4.3. Membership is approved by Academic Council

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5. Meetings

5.1. This committee will meet four (4) times a year, or at the call of the Chair.

6. Quorum

6.1. There must be at least six members, either in-person or by conferencing technology, including three (3) faculty and one (1) student.

7. Responsibilities:

- 7.1. Review and examine all proposals for new credit courses/programs and changes to existing credit courses/programs.
- **7.2.** Identify and recommend the development of new curricular content.
- 7.3. Review and monitor prerequisite and corequisite relationships between courses
- 7.4. Review and examine qualifications for admission to specific courses and programs
- 7.5. Recommend to Academic Council on proposals for:
 - 7.5.1. new courses/programs and changes to existing courses/programs.
 - 7.5.2. the discontinuation of courses due to curricula changes.
 - 7.5.2.1. Decisions made by Curriculum Committee are recommended to Academic Council for Approval or Recommendation for Approval to the Board of Governors.
- 7.6. Maintain institutional documents related to Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) and other institutional curricula directives such as Work Integrated Learning (WIL).

8. Procedures

- 8.1. For New Credit Programs/Courses Proposals
 - 8.1.1. Proposals for new credit programs and new credit courses must be endorsed by a Dean.
 - 8.1.2. Prior to new credit courses/programs being introduced at the Curriculum Committee they must be endorsed by the Registrar to ensure they are compliant with policy/regulation regarding:
 - 8.1.2.1. course/program titles,
 - 8.1.2.2. course hours,
 - 8.1.2.3. course content,
 - 8.1.2.4. credit allowances,
 - 8.1.2.5. advanced placement/credit,



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- 8.1.2.6. additions, deletions, and/or duplication of courses,8.1.2.7. prerequisites and co-requisites, and
- 8.1.2.8. admission requirements.
- 8.1.3. Prior to new credit courses/programs being introduced at the Curriculum Committee they must be endorsed by the Provost and Vice-President Academic to ensure they can be supported financially, by student demand, by the labour market, and within the provincial sector.
- 8.2. For Changes to Existing Courses and Programs
 - 8.2.1. Proposals for changes to existing credit courses and existing credit programs must be endorsed by the Department and the Dean.
 - 8.2.2. Prior to changes to existing credit courses/programs being introduced at the Curriculum Committee they must be endorsed by the Registrar to ensure they are compliant with policy/regulation regarding:
 - 8.2.2.1. course/program titles,
 - 8.2.2.2. course hours,
 - 8.2.2.3. course content,
 - 8.2.2.4. credit allowances,
 - 8.2.2.5. advanced placement/credit,
 - 8.2.2.6. additions, deletions, and/or duplication of courses,
 - 8.2.2.7. prerequisites and co-requisites, and
 - 8.2.2.8. admission requirements.
 - 8.2.3. Prior to changes in existing credit courses/programs being introduced at the Curriculum Committee they must be endorsed by the Provost and Vice-President Academic to ensure they can be supported financially, by student demand, by the labour market, faculty expertise, and within the provincial sector.

9. Forms

- 9.1. Forms for a new course/program or a change to an existing course/program are available from the Deans' Office, the Registrar's Office, or the College Curriculum shared site.
- 9.2. Forms Available:
 - 9.2.1. Form A: New Program Proposal
 - 9.2.2. Form B: New Course Proposal
 - 9.2.3. Form C: Change to Existing Program Proposal
 - 9.2.4. Form D: Change to Existing Course Proposal