

Report from the Curriculum and Research Committee

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The Curriculum and Research Committee has undertaken the following activities over the course of AY 2006/2007:

1. Assisted in the introduction to Faculty Senate of the new director of Sponsored Research, Dr. Mike Ayewoh. Follow-up work will entail assisting Dr. Ayewoh in his desire to create research profiles for faculty members.
2. Investigated the diverse rubrics for faculty evaluation of teaching, scholarship, and service, with a particular focus on the Department Teacher Scholar Models and their new place in the faculty evaluation process. An initial report was submitted to the Faculty Senate on February 9, 2007. Feedback from fellow senators is needed before additional reporting is made.
3. Through the efforts of Dr. Lauri Hyers, we have begun exploring the issue of "information literacy" as it relates to curriculum issues at WCU. Dr. Hyers submitted articles on "information literacy" in February, and I include a brief summary with this report.

In addition to these ongoing projects, for AY 2007/2008, I would like to address issues of diversity and multiculturalism as they relate to our curriculum and would like to invite a representative from the Multicultural Commission to speak to Faculty Senate about ways in which we can collaborate. Also, I welcome suggestions from fellow committee members and senators about other issues which the Curriculum and Research Committee should explore.

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