

The Faculty Senate in its meeting of June 27, 2005, unanimously adopted the Curriculum Committee's charges as presented.

## **Curriculum Committee Charges**

The Curriculum Committee (CC) is a standing committee of the Faculty Senate (FS).

The Faculty Senate Bylaws Charter states, 'The Faculty Senate is authorized to recommend to the president policies pertaining to courses, curriculum, and degree requirements, while the Board of Trustees retains final authority over the establishment of new degree programs.

The Faculty Handbook, under the section 'Statement on Educational Effectiveness', states, ' In the next phase towards full accreditation, AUA degree programs must demonstrate that they have developed plans for evidence-based long term curricular designs that will serve as the institutional basis for assessing AUA's ability and commitment to meet WASC guidelines for institutional capacity and educational effectiveness. AUA faculty are expected to be fully engaged in these processes.'

Charges of the Curriculum Committee are:

- to promote excellence in the educational programs
- to review, advise and make policy recommendations on matters related to curricula
- to conduct ongoing curricular evaluation
- to provide guidance, advocacy, and supervision by assuring that curricula are academically sound, comprehensive, and responsive to the evolving needs of the University, thus serving its mission, goals, and educational needs of the students
- to assist in the development of educational programs in accordance with the philosophy, policies and objectives of the University
- to encourage creativity, flexibility, and innovation in the curricular development of the University
- to review existing/proposed educational programs and curricula, and ensure they are consistent with AUA's mission
- to strive for educational effectiveness while maintaining meaningful participation by all programs of the University in the creation, development, continuance, and when appropriate, recommend dissolution of educational programs and curricula