During the 2017-2018 academic year, the Curriculum Committee was very active. Over 82 proposals were approved, including eleven new programs or concentrations. These new programs/concentrations were from various academic departments to enhance the opportunities offered to our students. From the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, a BA in Theater Design and Technology and Minor in Sports Psychology were approved. The College of Science and Engineering added a Minor in Sustainability Management, and a Minor in Actuarial Science. Several changes were made to the Geology minor and the Earth and Environmental Science program changes their name to Environmental Science. Program revision were approved for the Environmental Science program and concentrations in Earth Science and Biology were added. The Nesbitt School of Pharmacy added a new program in Pharmacy Applications in Public Health. The Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program was added to the graduate nursing offerings in the Passan School of Nursing. The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership added a BS in Chain Supply Management, BS in Corporate Finance, and a BS in Financial Investments. The graduate School of Education deleted the Discover EDGE endorsement program and added a Master’s in Science (MS) in Literacy with PDE Reading Specialist Certification.

In addition to the new programs and concentrations, the committee also approved numerous changes, additions, deletions to courses, programs, etc. and also, many incidental changes to course titles, credit hours, etc.

The committee chair worked over the course of several months in conjunction with the Assessment Committee to make changes to the Proposal Form which now will include a section on assessment that must be completed with proposals for new programs. This will assist the University with data collection for Middle States and beyond. Additional changes were made to the form at the recommendation of the registrar to clarify beginning dates for changes that are approved.

The committee continues to meet the third Tuesday of each month, September through April, with proposals due to the chairperson in electronic format and also in paper format including all required signatures, on the second Tuesday of the month. For the 2018-2019 academic year, the committee members elected Dr. Joyce Victor as the secretary and Dr. Del Lucent to serve as chairperson.

Goals for next year include (1) completion of any initiatives in progress and (2) continue stressing the importance of complete submissions by faculty to the committee (with all required signatures) following the established timelines so that
action can be taken in a timely manner. This will allow initiatives to move forward more efficiently.

Respectfully submitted on May 14, 2018 by Karen Frantz-Fry, chairperson.

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