To be received and placed on file:

Since the 2009 Annual Report to the Riverside Division, the Committee on Courses has approved a total of 222 new courses (122 undergraduate, 95 graduate, and 5 professional). It has approved changes in 323 Courses (166 undergraduate, 143 graduate, and 14 professional); deletions of 74 courses (30 undergraduate, 39 graduate, and 5 professional); restoration of 3 Courses (1 undergraduate and 1 graduate); and 13 extension courses. 69 associate-in requests were approved.

With respect to its responsibility for approval of new and changed courses, the Committee dealt with two particularly large endeavors this year: the fusing of graduate courses from Theatre and Creative Writing into the combined MFA program in Creative Writing and Writing for the Performing Arts; and the necessary course approvals for the new graduate program in Materials Science and Engineering, slated to begin operation in Fall 2010.

The Committee has worked closely with representatives from the Registrar's Office to accommodate the new January deadline for some of the course requests effective Fall 2010, and to revise the vetting of various elements in the course requests so that the registrars and faculty committee members share responsibility according to the nature of the individual elements (i.e., whether technical or academic). We have begun to use a standard form for requests for exceptions to course proposal deadlines, and this first run has facilitated smooth cooperation among the Committee, the Registrars, and departments. We also worked with the UCR Writing Program to approve the first Writing Across the Curriculum courses that satisfy the ENGL 1C graduation requirement.

In addition to the above matters concerning course approval, the Committee has discussed numerous other issues and reports, including (but not limited to) the following:

1. Issues surrounding requests from CHASS departments to restrict enrollment in upper-division courses to departmental majors, and other enrollment management issues.

2. The proposal by AGSM for an Online Master-of-Science in Engineering Program, with associated issues of granting course credit for on-line instruction.

3. A proposal for change of the by-laws of the Graduate Council, amending its role in approval of courses.

4. Response to a proposed pilot project by UCOP for an Online Education Initiative.

5. Discussion of the proposed repeal of SR 764.
The Committee invited Representatives from the Registrar's Office (B. Dailey, Registrar, and C. Spina, Courses Specialist) and University Library (L. Langston) to attend our meetings. The Committee wishes to express its appreciation for the information and assistance they have provided. The Committee members also warmly thank Marla Jo Booth for her expert and always efficient and helpful assistance as our Senate staff representative.

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