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University Curriculum and Academic Policies Committee MULTIDISCIPLINARY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

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The Multidisciplinary Curriculum Committee is a standing committee of the University Curriculum and Academic Policies Committee (UCAPC).

Membership:

1. The Multidisciplinary Curriculum Committee is composed of a maximum of nine members. One member shall be elected to a two-year term from each of the following clusters:
 - Arts: Art and Design, Music, and Communication and Theatre (College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences)
 - Humanities: English and World Languages, and Philosophy (College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences)
 - Social Sciences: Economics; Government and Political Affairs; History; and Criminology, Sociology, and Anthropology (College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences)
 - Education: Educational Foundations; Early, Middle, and Elementary Education; and Special Education (College of Education and Human Services)
 - Human Services: Psychology, Social Work, and Wellness and Sport Sciences (College of Education and Human Services)
 - Data/Applied Sciences: Applied Engineering, Safety, and Technology; Computer Science; Geography; and Mathematics (College of Science and Technology)
 - Lab/Health Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Nursing, and Physics (College of Science and Technology)
 - Business: Accounting and Finance, and Management and Marketing (Lombardo College of Business)
 - University College/Non-College: Exploratory Studies and Student Development, Counseling and Human Development, Intercollegiate Athletics, and Library

If there are no members elected within a cluster, nominations for that position will be opened to all Departments within the associated College. If there are no College-wide nominees for this position, nominations will be opened to all Faculty within the University.

In the event that fewer than nine faculty members are elected to the Committee, the Committee shall constitute itself with the number elected.

Two-year cycles are established by discipline as follows:

- Terms beginning in even years:
 - Arts
 - Business
 - Data/Applied Sciences
 - Education
 - Social Sciences
- Terms beginning in odd years:
 - Human Services
 - Humanities
 - Lab/Health Sciences
 - University College/Non-College

Committee members shall be elected by a vote of the full faculty.

2. Chairperson for the Multidisciplinary Curriculum Committee
 - a) Nominations: Nominations shall be solicited, collected, and a slate shall be created by UCAPC.
 - b) Election: The Committee chairperson shall be elected by a vote of the full faculty
 - c) Term: Three-year term beginning at the start of the fall semester following the election.
 - d) Responsibilities: Convenes and meets with the committee on a regular basis. Attends UCAPC meetings as a liaison regarding business pertaining to the committee. Submits an annual written report outlining the membership and work of the committee.
 - e) Voting member of the committee: Chair will be a voting member of the committee only in the event of a tie vote.
3. The Provost and the Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee(s), as ex officio non-voting member(s).

Functions:

1. The Multidisciplinary Curriculum Committee oversees all student and faculty proposals for Multidisciplinary programs (MDSTs), and individual student MDST proposals. This committee reviews these programs to affirm compliance with both Millersville University and PASSHE policies.
2. Faculty from two or more departments/programs can submit either BS or AS proposals to create MDST programs, which involve the collaboration of faculty to create programs that are unique to Millersville. The MDST committee reviews these proposals to make sure that they meet all requirements and policies, while not being too closely aligned to existing programs.
3. Individual students can create their own unique MDST program of study. Committee members review the proposals, which must have at least two faculty advisers, from two different programs. The committees' review process is to assure the program meets all policies and to make sure that the proposal is unique, while meeting academic rigor.

4. The committee works with the Office of the University College in marketing of the MDST, creating proper policy oversight, and approval of all new programs and proposals.

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