Report of the Cross-School Curricular Oversight Committee  
Academic Year 2010-2011

Members: Samuel A. Abrash, Chair; Nancy Bagranoff (ex-officio); John Douglass (ex-officio); Gill Hickman; Ray Hilliard; Peter Kaufman; Del McWhorter; James Narduzzi (ex-officio); Joan Neff (ex-officio); Andrew Newcomb (ex-officio); Sandra Peart (ex-officio); Steve Thompson; Ellen Walk; Clark Williams

The committee was convened late Fall after election of its members by the faculties of the various schools. The convening of the committee followed a vote of the faculty to establish the committee following the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on Upper-Division Cross-School Curricular Opportunities.

During the past academic year, the committee took the following actions:

1) Met with existing Cross-School and Interdisciplinary Chairs and Coordinators to obtain their advice on the biggest barriers to developing cross-school programs, on the biggest needs for these programs, and their preference for the role that the Cross-School Curricular Oversight Committee (C-SCOC) should take in facilitating cross-school opportunities.

2) Decided to work with the Registrar and Advising Center to facilitate enrollment in existing cross-school courses. Samuel Abrash volunteered to work with the Registrar and Advising Center to bring this facilitation to fruition.

3) Received a proposal for a new Medical Humanities (now Medicine, Healthcare and Society) and met twice with the sponsors to facilitate the development of the proposal. We will continue to work with the sponsors over the summer and through the fall.

4) The committee wishes to inform all interested parties that we encourage the development and submission of new Cross-School courses and programs, and will work with the sponsors to facilitate the development and adoption of the new Cross-School opportunities.

5) We currently have one item that will carry over to next year – studying how best to remove barriers to cross-school enrollment between the School of Continuing Studies and our other schools.

Respectfully Submitted,
Samuel A. Abrash for the C-SCOC
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