Report for the Cross-School Curricular Oversight Committee
Academic Year 2011-2012
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During the 2011-2012 academic year, the Cross-School Curricular Oversight Committee continued its work in expanding cross-school opportunities for our undergraduates and in facilitating access to cross-school courses.

We accomplished the following:

During the Summer the committee chair met with the Susan Breeden and Scott Johnson to ensure that a list of all cross-school courses would be available on the advising website, and would be updated each semester. The Academic Advising resource center agreed to take responsibility for creation and maintenance of the list.

During the Fall and Spring semesters, we continued to work with Professors Steve Thompson, Rick Mayes and John Vaughan in securing the passage of the new Healthcare and Society Major. The major was passed by all relevant faculties.

During the Fall the committee facilitated meetings between the registrar and the SPCS Dean to facilitate increased access of Arts and Sciences students to SPCS courses. We also initiated discussions on new seminars that would be designed for co-enrollment by SPCS and Arts and Sciences students.

Finally, the Committee, in collaboration with the ad-hoc Mellon Committee, developed a set of criteria for University Seminars, seminars that are cross-school, team taught, and are accessible to students with no prerequisites. After developing these criteria, a call for submissions was sent out in both the Fall and Spring, resulting in four submissions. Three of these have been approved by the University Faculty and will be offered in the 2012-2013 academic year, and the fourth was approved for submission to the University Faculty for consideration at the May 7, 2012 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
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For the Cross-School Curricular Oversight Committee