Report for the Cross-School Curricular Oversight Committee  
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During the 2012-2013 academic year, the Cross-School Curricular Oversight Committee continued its work in an effort to facilitate cross-school opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students.

UNIV 401: During the fall term, “Civilian Workers in War Zones” was offered by P. Smallwood, L. Browder, and J.P. Jones. In the spring term, UNIV 401 featured “Headliners: Leadership in Journalism” (T. Mullen and T. Shields). Ideas and experiences were discussed during a March PETE luncheon on developing, publicizing, and teaching this seminar. Also in the spring, the university faculty approved a change to the course description to include a one-unit option as well as half-unit option for this upper-level cross-school seminar. Mellon funding continues to be available for teaching teams including at least one member from the Humanities.

Cross-School Majors, Minors, and Concentrations: The new Healthcare and Society Major and Minor has grown faster than initially forecast. In the spring term, the committee and key constituents impacted by this growth discussed several alternatives for reducing enrollment pressures on selected required courses. Discussion will continue in the early summer and early fall. Other programs continue without issues at the present time.

Cross-School Courses: Five courses in the fall and four courses in the spring were cross-listed as specific course offerings in multiple schools, in addition to UNIV 401. These courses were planned and implemented with cross-listed course reference numbers in two subject areas, to be visible to a mix of students across schools.

Respectfully submitted,
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