

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Dean's Charges to the Committee on Undergraduate Studies and Advising 2018-2019

Introduction

Each year the Dean of the College provides a set of charges to the Committee on Undergraduate Studies and Advising. This year's charges represent continued work to further improve College governance processes, including consideration of clearer guidance for the work of the committee, and the streamlining of workflow to assist departments in their work with curriculum. Additionally, the important work that began last year continues around potential barriers to student retention and progression, and forging stronger partnerships with UCCC in the review of proposals to the KU Core.

1. **Review scholarships and awards decided by CUSA Policy/Awards subcommittee** to determine which are unclear in process or language (such as, "choose an outstanding student") and develop policies/procedures around the award process for each.
2. **Review current grade appeal policy - University, College, Department levels.** Consider ways in which a change to policy or procedure could improve clarity for students, faculty and staff. Identify ambiguity in language and consider ways in which all levels of the policy can function consistently.
3. **Develop policy/procedure for streamlining and expediting certain types of curricular changes.** Important work has already occurred with the adoption of consent agenda procedures to simplify voting processes and allow time for larger policy discussion. As a next step, reducing the levels of approval needed for simpler proposed changes would provide departments the flexibility to respond more nimbly to changing trends and student needs related to curriculum.
4. **Continue work related to the review of the hours overlap policy.** Last year's committee began discussions around the current policy that restricts coursework overlap among different areas of study. CUSA should continue this discussion, including obtaining additional feedback from College departments, and determine whether changes to the current policy should be made in order to provide additional flexibility for students pursuing multiple areas of study.
5. **Consider ways in which CUSA can expand collaboration efforts with UCCC** to better facilitate the review process of KU Core proposals, and maintain a shared philosophical approach to consideration of proposals. This is a continuation of one of last year's Dean's charges. Extensive work has already been completed on this charge. Finalization of a collaboration plan and proposal for related changes to the College bylaws should be the focus for this year's committee.