EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE
Report to the Faculty Senate
Actions of the 1/27/09 meetings

<u>Information Items:</u>

I. <u>College of Arts and Sciences</u>
    a. Department of English and Modern Languages
        A. New courses:
            1. ENGL 303—Visual Rhetoric and Document Design
            2. ENGL 305—Advanced Topics in Rhetoric and Professional Writing
        B. Program changes:
            1. Rhetoric and Professional Writing Concentration (remove ENGL 210 and ENGL 350, add ENGL 303 and ENGL 305)
            2. Minor in Professional Writing (remove ENGL 210 & ENGL 318 from required courses; remove ART 221, ENGL 316 & ENGL 317 from electives; add ENGL 303 to required courses; add ENGL 318 to electives; change name from Minor in Professional Writing to Minor in Rhetoric and Professional Writing)
    b. Department of Communication Studies and Theatre
        A. Program changes:
            1. Communications Major—Mass Media Concentration (remove COMM 400, reduce core credits from 23 to 20, increase general elective credits from 26 to 29)
            2. Communications Major—Organization Communication and Public Relations Concentration (remove COMM 400, reduce core credits from 23 to 20, increase general elective credits from 26 to 29)
    c. Department of Mathematics and Computer Science
        A. Course changes:
            1. CMSC 160—Introduction to Algorithmic Design I (increase credit hours from 3 to 4, course description)
            2. CMSC 162—Introduction to Algorithmic Design II (increase credit hours from 3 to 4, course description)
            3. CMSC 301—Computer Organization and Assembler Language Programming (course title, course description)
        B. New courses:
            1. CMSC 225—Programming in Ada
            2. CMSC 340—Systems Administration
            3. CMSC 342—Systems Programming
            4. CMSC 420—Graph Theory
            5. MATH 320—International Studies in Mathematics History
            6. MATH 420—Graph Theory
        C. Program changes:
            1. Minor Computer Science [increase credit hours from 3 to 4 for CMSC 160 and CMSC 162; drop CMSC 240 from required; increase CMSC courses at the 300 or 400 level (excluding CMSC 350) from 9 to 10 credits]
            2. Major in Computer Science
                a. Changes in Computer Science Foundations [Increase credit hours from 3 to 4 (CMSC 160 and CMSC 162); drop (CMSC 240; CMSC 220 or CMSC 372 or CMSC 215 or CMSC 210, CMSC 408; add (CMSC 308, CMSC 310); lower foundations credits from 24-26 hours to 23-25 hours]

b. Drop all advanced computer science topics (18 hours)
c. Changes in Mathematics Foundations [drop MATH 262, MATH 371 or MATH 271; add MATH 171 or MATH 270, lower Math foundations credits from 11 to 7 hours]
d. Electives (choose from Theoretical Concentration or Information Systems Concentration (both 18 hours)
   i. Theoretical Concentration [required--CMSC 342, CMSC 415, CMSC 420 (MATH 420); choose one from (CMSC 210, CMSC 215, CMSC 220, CMSC 225, CIMS 372); choose two from (CMSC 360, CMSC 362, CMSC 445)]
   ii. Information Concentration [required--CMSC 210, CMSC 340, CMSC 355, CMSC 362, CMSC 408, CMSC 360 or CMSC 445; electives may not include CMSC 350; increase elective credits from 9 to 27 credits
   iii. Increase elective credits from 9 to 27 credits
e. Increase general electives (BS degree from 8-10 to 13-15 credits, BA degree from 9-11 to 14-16 credits

d. Department of Art
   A. Course change: delete from catalog (ART 101, ART 304, ART 404, ART 415, and ART 443)
   B. Program change: BFA—Art Education with K-12 licensure [add pass the VCLA (Virginia Communication & Literacy Test) and pass Praxis II (art content)]

Action Items: