

## **Committees of the Administration Year-End Report**

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### Undergraduate Program Curriculum Committee (UPCC)

The UPCC comprises faculty and administrators and is chaired by the Senior Associate Provost. The committee meets monthly September through May to review proposals for new or modified courses, modifications to minors or certificates, and related curricular changes put forward by the college academic councils or committees. The committee ensures that course syllabi are coherent and comprehensive, contain the university's required policy statements or a link to them, and reflect clear learning outcomes. The committee also confirms that the content of proposed new courses does not overlap substantively with the content of existing courses offered by other units.

In 2018-19, the UPCC reviewed 167 modifications; 35 new courses, including 21 carrying one or more gen eds; and 70 curriculum changes, most involving amendments to degree requirements and/or requirements for minors or concentrations.

Concerned by the steady stream of proposals for new or modified courses carrying gen eds, in Spring 2019 the UPCC asked the Faculty Senate's Academic Affairs for guidance regarding the faculty's long-term intentions for General Education. UPCC members and several members of the associate deans' group would like to see the Senate partner with the administration— through the Strategic Vision and Values process or a similar avenue— on a plan for the future of General Education at UMaine.