Loyola University New Orleans  
College Curriculum Committee  

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Minutes  

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1. Game Studies Minor.

The College Curriculum Committee discussed the revised version of the Game Studies proposal. Unfortunately, the committee decided not to approve it at this time. Members of the committee expressed concern for a proposal that did not succeed in presenting a cohesive academic program. Even though there are two required courses (ENGL-A222 and CMMN-x202), the proposed minor lacks an introductory or required course that ties all the primary and secondary electives together. As a result, the assessment plan does not address the program as a whole, giving the impression of a collection of courses instead of a comprehensive academic approach to Games Studies. Some additional questions are about the way the program has been conceived. How many students would the program serve in the near future? Is there an expectation of creating a major? If so, what would be the impact on resources and the number of students they program may attract?

The College Curriculum Committee considers that programs like Game Studies are important for the university, particularly when the institution is looking for new ideas to improve recruitment and retention. In that sense, the Committee appreciates the effort and creativity the faculty members have shown, and encourage the Games Studies Advisory Committee to resubmit an improved version of the proposal. This new version should clearly demonstrate how Game Studies could be a successful program at the academic, and recruitment and retention levels.

2. Computer Information Systems Bachelor (CIS)

The Committee approved the proposal. The different courses proposed will be approved separately.

3. About Interdisciplinary Programs

The Committee requested the administration of more cohesive policies regarding the approval of interdisciplinary programs.