

Charge to Ad Hoc Committee on Meta-Major Criteria

A Meta-major is a "degree shell" that will allow students to be placed into an area and therefore take a reasonable starting package of courses before sorting into an actual major.

A Meta-major is a framework of commonality among a set of related degrees. For instance, there might be an Engineering Meta-major which would allow students to take common introductory courses in the first two semesters and then specialize in Engineering Technology, Systems Engineering, or Construction Engineering.

These degrees do not have to be housed in a single college nor do all degrees housed in a single college need to be grouped into a Meta-major.

The committee will ...

1. Report on the state-of-the-art in Meta-majors at other universities. (What are Meta-majors? Provide some examples. What might a UALR Meta-major look like? What are the benefits and costs?)
2. Report on the current policy barriers to Meta-majors. (What needs to change to make this happen? What is the approval process? Where do Meta-majors reside? If Meta-majors reach across colleges, what faculty will govern, advise students, make program changes?)
3. Recommend whether UALR should pursue Meta-majors or not. Assuming the faculty want to proceed, make policy recommendations on how to implement Meta-majors at UALR.

Members

CoALS – Moira Maguire (senator, former chair, student advisor)

CoALS – Fusheng Tang (Core Council)

CoEHP – Jim Vander Putten (senator)

CoEHP - Jane D Evans (UGC)

CoEHP - Johanna Thomas (Core Council)

CoSSC – Andy Drummond (senator)

CoB – Naeem Bajwa

EIT – Edi Tudoreanu

Provost's Office – Daryl Rice (non-voting)

Due Date: Present status report for the May Senate Meeting. Present findings and recommendations at a Fall 2014 Faculty Senate meeting.

Daryl Rice will be tasked with calling the first meeting of the committee for purpose of electing a chair from among the faculty representatives to the committee.

The committee may add members, as appropriate to its task, by majority vote of the committee. The chair of the committee will notify the President of the Faculty Senate of any changes in committee constituency.