

FACULTY SENATE APPROVED Sept 24, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sheila Converse, Executive Secretary
Faculty Senate

FROM: Becky Bitter, Registrar's Office

FOR: Academic Affairs Committee

DATE: 27 March 2015

SUBJECT: Proposal for New Course, COM 400

At its meeting on March 24, 2015, AAC reviewed and approved new course, COM 400. This course had been referred back to AAC as a result of discussion at the Faculty Senate meeting of March 12, 2015.

As part of the process for reconsidering this course, AAC requested that a freshly prepared course rationale and syllabus be provided, and that these materials include a statement about what the course is; who the intended audience is; what the pre-requisites are; and what overlap may now exist with other courses. This document is attached here.

In addition, AAC received the following documents from the Department of English: syllabi for ENGLISH 402 and 495, and a chart titled 'Comparing COM 400 to ENGL 402 and ENGL 495'. These documents are attached here as well.

AAC approved COM 400 because members did not find duplication which would prevent passing the course. AAC members did want to state that that its analysis was based on academic coverage only and not on arguments concerning enrollment-based funding.

For the record, the course description for COM 400 is presented below as it would appear on an Undergraduate and Professional Major Change Bulletin for courses:

Subject	Course Number	New Revise Drop	Current	Proposed	Effective Date
COM	400	New	--N/A--	Communicating Science and Technology 3 Course Prerequisite: Certified in a major; junior standing. Communicating science and technological issues to professional and lay audiences. Typically offered: Fall and Spring.	8-15

At this time, Faculty Senate review and approval is recommended, to be effective fall 2015.