

## Undergraduate Academic Council

### Chair's Report for SEC/Senate (January 2023)

- Proposed revisions to the General Education Program to be presented to University Senate on 2/8, originating as a proposal in the General Education Committee, a subcommittee of the UAC, which has been meeting (most recently on 1/17) and working on this effort since October 2022
- UAC met most recently on 1/19
  - to vote on the GEC proposal, which was approved unanimously by UAC (and first by GEC), and sent to SEC for consideration as a bill to be introduced to Senate on 2/8
  - UAC heard from AVP for Academic Innovation Debra Gelin as on proposals for credit for prior learning, currently under consideration/question period
  - received B.A./B.S. reregistration update from Kaitlyn Beachner, includes 4 proposals approved by UAC working groups in November
- Program Deactivations: UAC was notified of proposals from 2 academic departments to deactivate undergraduate programs with low enrollment, current students can complete
  - Religious Studies Concentration (housed in History as Interdisciplinary Studies)
  - Medieval and Renaissance Studies Concentration (housed in English as Interdisciplinary Studies)
  - Medieval and Renaissance Studies minor (housed in English)
- Committee on Academic Standing met several times in January to review reinstatement petitions from academically dismissed students.
- Interdisciplinary Studies Committee worked over break to approve 2 UUNI 390 petitions
- Curriculum and Honors and UAC member Erin Baker represents University Senate on the Academic Affairs Working Group of the CNSE and UAlbany Reunification effort
- In Nov., Dean of Undergraduate Education JoAnne Malatesta reported on UA's \$2.5 million HHMI (Howard Hughes Medical Institute) grant to diversify STEM faculty/professional pipeline
- Council/Committee Chairs: UAC – Annette Richie, CAS – Brandon Lewis, C&H – Susanna Fessler, GEC – Janell Hobson and Damira Pon, IDS – Zakhar Berkovich
- Office of the VP for Undergraduate Education Staff Support/Liaisons: Kathie Winchester (UAC), Richard Fogarty (GEC), Kaitlyn Beachner
- UAC meets next on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>