

150th Spring Plenary
Hosted by SUNY Potsdam
Report of
Undergraduate Academic Programs and Policies Committee
2008-2009
Plenary Report: October 2008

At the Fall 2008 Planning meeting, the committee elected to pursue projects related to four primary topics during 2008-09. To accomplish these projects, members chose to work in subcommittees.

1. Pursuant to the Resolution adopted by the Senate at the April 2008 Plenary, the committee will continue work on the State University Policy on **Contact / Credit Hour** Relationship (Vol. 76 No. 8).
2. The committee began discussion in 2007-08 on the topic of **Undergraduate Research**, and will continue work on that topic for 2008-09 and 2009-10. The committee will collaborate with the Graduate and Research Committee given the overlap in subject matter. Three deliverables are planned:
 - a. **Resource / compilation Website** of undergraduate research pieces from each SUNY campus as well as other state/national sites of interest to Undergraduate Research.
 - b. **Coordinate an Undergraduate Research Poster Session** in Albany in Feb, 2010, either at the "SUNY Day in Albany," or another day in Albany during the peak of the state budget cycle. We would invite each campus to participate by selecting four or five of their own students to present projects to legislators and other Albany dignitaries. We hope this will be a rewarding experience for undergraduates to showcase their research and creative work as well as an opportunity for SUNY to boast its successes and impact across the state. Photo ops with legislators and their respective campus representatives are anticipated.
 - c. Subsequent to the poster day, the committee will compile a **Journal of Proceedings** of the SUNY Undergraduate Research Poster Day.
3. **Guide for the Evaluation of Undergraduate Academic Programs**: This widely used booklet was written in 1983, reissued in 1990, revised by the Undergrad Committee in 1999-2001. The revised version was adopted by the Senate in October, 2001, at which time the authors committed to a review in 2007. A timely update is therefore justified during the 2008-09 year. Such a review will strengthen campus efforts *vis-à-vis* SUNY mandated assessment as well as to bolster campus relations with accrediting agencies. The committee hopes to present suggested changes to the Senate by April 2008.
4. **International Education** has been a topic of interest at many levels of SUNY in recent years, and the committee wishes to learn more about this topic during the coming year with the possibility of pursuing a project in 2009-10. An outgrowth of the committee's work may be a resource website; however, the committee's primary focus will be on research and discovery. We hope to invite guests to speak at our committee meetings to inform the committee's discussions on this multidimensional topic.

Undergraduate Committee Membership - 2008-09

Chair - Kane Gillespie - Stony Brook University
Meg Knowles - Buffalo State College
Marwan El Nasser - SUNY Fredonia
Howard Reid - Buffalo State College
Rose Rudnitski - SUNY New Paltz
Anne Bongiorno - Plattsburgh State College
Jim Nichols - SUNY Oswego
Michelle Gonzalez, University at Buffalo
Ziya Arnavut, SUNY Fredonia
Bill Godfrey, Stony Brook University
William White, Buffalo State College
Kathryn Van Arnam - System Administration Liaison
Kimberely Reiser, Nassau Community College - Community College Liaison
Kellen Raquet - Student Assembly Liaison