

## Charges for the Undergraduate Studies Council (USC) 2005-06

In addition to standing charges and issues related to the mission of the council, the Executive Board charges the Undergraduate Studies Council with the following:

1. **Course Repeat Policy**

A few years ago, USC brought a recommendation to the Senate regarding university-wide policies for treating grades and credit for repeated courses. A new policy was approved but never enacted, as the Student Information System (SIS) was beginning to be replaced. Now that SIS is more or less in place, we charge the USC to revisit these recommendations in light of what can practically be enforced with the new computer software.

2. **Undergraduate Program Review**

It has been announced that all undergraduate programs will be reviewed during the 2006/07 academic year, with a rationale and goals similar to the current review of graduate programs. The USC is charged with opening discussions to anticipate this review, and recommending a procedure which might accomplish it in a timely fashion. Discussions should include the optimal frequency for repeating such reviews on a regular schedule.

3. Review the structure and functioning of the USC as part of the periodic Senate review mandated by our constitution. In this connection, you will work with a committee being chaired by Mary Lagerwey.

It is understood that the USC will continue to coordinate and communicate the activities of its Committee to Oversee General Education (COGE), and to monitor the progress and effectiveness of the new First-Year Experience for undergraduates. The council is free to determine the specifics of how to address these charges, and how it assigns priority among these and other tasks it wishes to engage in through the course of the year. We ask the USC to keep the Executive Board apprised of progress, especially in connection with any memorandum of action (MOA) which may develop, and to give ample notice of intent to bring action or reports to the full Faculty Senate.