



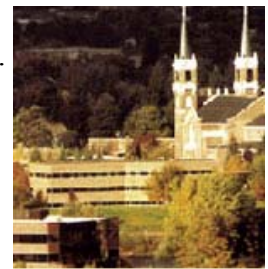
# THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## Recent Decisions of the Academic Council

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The fall semester was a busy one for Academic Council. Below is a recap of the major actions of the Council.



1. In January, the Academic Council approved the curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree completion program. This curriculum covers the final two years of study in this program. Previously, Gonzaga students without an RN degree who desired to complete the BSN program had to transfer to the Intercollegiate College of Nursing, Seattle University, or another nursing program.
2. In October, the Academic Council approved the move of the Computer Science program to the School of Engineering from the College of Arts and Sciences effective June 1, 2006.
3. In response to a report by the Assessment Committee submitted in November, the Academic Vice President issued a memorandum in support of the Committee's recommendation to recognize the Northwest Commission's requirements with regard to learning outcomes assessment. A monthly update of assessment activities will be provided to the Assessment Committee and the Academic Council.
4. The Program Review Committee is currently reviewing three programs: Modern Languages, Biology, and Accounting. The preliminary evaluation of these programs will be completed as early as the end of the Spring 2006 semester.



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Newsletter is a periodic  
e-newsletter. Its  
purpose is to  
disseminate the  
proceedings of the  
Academic Council and to  
convey their implications  
to the faculty and staff  
of Gonzaga University.

5. The Academic Council approved plans for the AVP's office to sponsor and conduct formal information gathering in the form of a qualitative action research study about on-line learning at Gonzaga University. Information will be obtained throughout the Spring 2006 and Fall 2006 semesters from faculty and staff who have an interest in providing input.
6. The Academic Council has approved a revised Good Academic Standing Policy. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 must be maintained by undergraduate students to be in good academic standing. The complete policy is published in the electronic catalog.
7. A Core Curriculum Committee has been established as a sub-committee of the Curriculum Committee with the charge of making recommendations to the Academic Council by the end of the semester regarding the core issues raised by the Northwest Commission.

## Decisions Currently Under Review

At present, the following two action items are under review by the Academic Council:

- The Policy and Planning Committee of the Academic Council is currently reviewing the University's Academic Honesty Policy.
- The Academic Council is considering a change to the University's current scheduling pattern on Tuesdays and Thursdays to allow for a common faculty meeting time. The proposed schedule is available at <http://www.gonzaga.edu/Campus+Resources/Offices+and+Services+A-Z/Academic+Vice+President/Academic+Council/default.asp>

### Upcoming Meetings

The remaining **Academic Council** meetings are April 3 and April 24, 3:30-5:00 in the PCR.

Sub-committee meetings:

**Program Review Committee:** April 4, May 2

**Graduate Programs Committee:** March 29, April 26, May 17

**Curriculum Committee:** March 31

**Policy and Planning Committee:** April 10

**Assessment Committee:** March 30, April 27