

CNS UPDATES 11-30-21

OVERVIEW

Much has been accomplished since the UNC Board of Governors approved the amendment to UNC Policy 400.1.5 Policy on Fostering Undergraduate Student Success - The Common Numbering System (CNS) in December of 2020. Some of the accomplishments to date are:

- Established UNC CNS Steering Committee
- Established Points of Contact (POC's) at each UNC System school
- Identified the "Classification" system for CNS courses
- Developed Regulations and Operations Manuals
- Created webpage - cns.northcarolina.edu
- Identified list of features to include in public facing website
- Developed prototype for user interface for course equivalency search
- Conducted focus groups made up of advisors and students across institutions to test equivalency search prototype
- Initiated Course Review process
- Established Communication Plan
 - Monthly meeting of POC's
 - Monthly updates sent to key partners on campus and at System Office
 - Transfer Contact list created

Most of these accomplishments would not have been possible without the support of faculty, staff and administration across the UNC campuses as well as our own amazing System Office staff. We have come a long way but there is much more work ahead of us. We continue to enjoy the collaboration across our campuses and look forward to our continued work in the new year.

There are two major CNS projects currently underway - the Course Review process and the development of the user interface to search and explore equivalencies. These two processes are critical to the success of the CNS initiative.

COURSE REVIEW PROCESS

Phase 1 of the Course Review process is nearing completion. A summary of the decisions made by each disciplinary group can be found [here](#). [Three additional meeting](#) dates are scheduled for this Friday, Dec 3rd for Physics (9:00am), English (1:00pm), and Computer Science (3:00pm); E-mails were sent to faculty groups for each discipline providing an overview of the discipline discussion and next steps. (1) We still need syllabi from all schools for the following disciplines: Astronomy, Geology, English, and Computer Science. If you have not uploaded syllabi, [please do so here](#) , (2) All rationales for exemption should be noted in the [FILL THIS OUT spreadsheet](#) by Dec 17th, 2021.

Our goal is to have equivalencies/crosswalks/alignments completed before the end of the year, with the intent of distributing institutional lists with exemption rationales to each provost in Jan 2022. Kudos to the faculty across the campuses for their collegiality and commitment to the CNS project. North Carolina public higher education students will benefit as a result of this hard work.

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- Enhanced Prototype of Equivalency Search
 - Based on feedback from student and advisor focus group meetings, the prototype of the user interface to search and explore equivalencies has been modified.
 - Aiming for a second round of student focus groups to review changes in early December.
- Project Plan
 - Given responses to the prototype, the design and development timelines are being refined.