



College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
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COLLEGE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

The College Priorities Committee (CPC) serves as a deliberating body to support the priority setting process for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. To that end, the CPC provides input to the Dean on objectives and priorities, new directions and adaptations, and plans for implementing needed changes, so that SBS can continue to achieve its core mission and commitments. The SBS mission (adopted 2007) is the following: To increase the understanding of human behavior, social institutions, culture, and the environment through excellence in teaching; the creation and dissemination of knowledge through research, creative activity and service; and the application of this knowledge to issues facing communities, tribes, the state, the nation, and the world. The mission derives from our collective commitments to the following:

- Promoting the appreciation and importance of diversity
- Advocating for the establishment and importance of community
- Stressing the importance of sustainability and environmental issues
- Exploring issues of justice and questions of power
- Emphasizing the relationship of local to global
- Supporting interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary inquiry
- Enhancing problem-oriented learning
- Encouraging a spirit of inquiry and enrichment
- Focusing on important, contemporary issues of social relevance
- Fostering active engagement, advocacy, and applied learning, research, and creative work

Membership

Committee members are representatives of the faculty, staff, and students of the College. As such, Committee members are expected to represent the interests of their constituencies, not personal viewpoints. In addition, committee members are expected to both solicit information on College priorities from their constituencies and disseminate information on priorities being discussed by the CPC to their constituencies.

The membership of the College Priorities Committee is as follows:

- 8 faculty members, one from ANT, CCJ, GPR, PIA, PSY, SoC, and SSW, and one representing the cluster of AIS, ES, WGS, SUS, and CCE (elected by their respective units in the spring semester for service in the upcoming academic year)
- 2 staff members, one from the ranks of the service professionals and one from the ranks of the classified staff (elected by the SBS staff in the spring semester for service in the upcoming academic year)
- 1 graduate student (selected from a different unit each year in the spring semester for service in the upcoming academic year)

- 1 undergraduate student (selected from a different unit each year in the spring semester for service in the upcoming academic year)
- Associate Dean
- Dean

Operating procedures

At the start of the fall semester, the College Priorities Committee is convened by the Dean. The operating procedures are the following:

- The initial agenda is coordinated by the Dean with input from members and their constituents.
- Consensus will be the means of recommending priorities.
- An agenda for the following meeting will be discussed at the end of each meeting, so that a draft agenda with a list of potential topics can be circulated prior to the meetings.
- If the Dean is not present, the Associate Dean will chair CPC meetings.
- Minutes will be taken at each CPC meeting. They will be sent to members and posted on the SBS website.
- When a CPC member is unable to attend a meeting, no substitute will be sent. It is the member's responsibility to update her/himself on any meeting s/he will not be able to attend.
- The CPC meets with the Dean at least once before the end of each semester to discuss the results of their work, but additional meetings can be arranged as necessary.
- Recommendations supported by the CPC are discussed with the Dean and subsequently disseminated to the SBS chairs and directors for distribution to the faculty and staff of their units.

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