

## **Senate Curriculum Committee October 2012**

### **1. ITEM THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE SENATE APPROVAL**

#### **Department of English Language and Literature**

The Department of English divides its courses into a series of categories, one of which includes "Creative & Performative." This category includes creative writing and drama courses. Because "performative" refers not to "performance" but to speech acts (utterances which function as actions, in that they create the thing which they purport to state), the Department has proposed that the category be renamed Creative/Performance.

The Curriculum Committee has approved the proposal.

### **2. ITEM THAT REQUIRES SENATE APPROVAL**

#### **Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice**

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice proposes that CRIM 3253 Intensive Writing be removed as a requirement for the Honours programme. Two initial reasons for the course have now been superseded:

- The development of a proposal in the spring of the pre-Honours year is no longer seen as necessary, and the writing component of the Honours application can be satisfied with a writing sample. The proposal can now be done in conjunction with the supervisor in the fall of the Honours year.
- Most of undergraduate courses in Criminology now have an active learning and writing component which makes the writing course redundant. Eliminating this course will also free up one half course for instruction in another area.

**MOTION: That CRIM 3253 Intensive Writing be removed as a requirement for the Honours programme in Criminology.**