

**FS CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 1 – FEBRUARY 14, 2011
BA COMMUNICATION STUDIES CONCENTRATION**

Members of the Curriculum Committee were asked to consider the elimination of the Communication Studies concentration.

Currently, the Department of Communication does not have a communication generalist degree, and students must choose one of the concentrations. They offer three concentrations (Communication Studies, Technical Communication, and Public Relations). Degree requirements for the concentrations are attached (Appendix A).

The Department wishes to replace the Communication Studies Concentration of the BA in Communication degree with a BA degree in communication with no concentration. This change will offer more flexibility for communication majors and reduce time to graduation for those students who have selected one concentration and later decide that another area of the communication discipline is more suitable for their interests and talents.

The Committee reviewed the proposal provided by the Department (Appendix B) and the Office of Undergraduate Studies Memorandum (Appendix C). Following questions by the committee members, additional information was provided by the Chair of the Department of Communication (Appendix D).

There are seventeen members on the Curriculum Committee. The majority of the FS Curriculum Committee members voted to approve the elimination of the Communication Studies Concentration. The vote tally: 15 voted to approve the elimination and 2 abstained.

Be it resolved that the Communication Studies Concentration be eliminated from the BA degree in Communication.