

**PRESIDENTIAL POLICY MEMORANDUM NO. 227**

**TO:** All Faculty  
**FROM:** Charles W. Steger  
**DATE:** August 30, 2003  
**SUBJECT:** Temporary Freeze on Course Proposals to The University Core Curriculum Committee

Approved by Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies: January 27, 2003  
Approved by University Council: March 21, 2003  
Approved by the President: April 21, 2003  
Effective: Immediately

The University Council on recommendation of the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies, approved a resolution concerning a temporary freeze on course proposals to the University Core Curriculum Committee. Following is the text of the resolution as adopted by University Council.

WHEREAS, the University Core Curriculum Committee is reassessing the structure of the core; and,

WHEREAS, a realignment of Colleges and Departments occurred July 1, 2003, and it is anticipated that all College Curriculum Committees will be reconstituted as of that date and may need time to realign their course proposal processes; and,

WHEREAS, the realignment of Colleges and Departments may necessitate a realignment of courses and course offerings,

THEREFORE, the University Core Curriculum Committee proposes the following:

Effective immediately, no new courses will be added to the Virginia Tech University Core Curriculum, nor will courses be considered for removal from the Core Curriculum except as described below. This will remain in place while review of the University Core Curriculum takes place through July 1, 2004.

Exceptions to this freeze will be:

- Courses submitted for writing intensive designation;
- Courses submitted in support of Critical Issues in a Global Context (Area 7);
- Courses submitted as part of a package that realigns a departmental or program curriculum; or
- Other selected courses as justified by a college curriculum committee.

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