C & I Purpose Statement:
The purpose of the curriculum council is to make recommendations about educational assessment, design, and delivery policies and procedures to the Academic Senate.

List of major actions and achievements for ‘04/’05:

- Discussion with the AmLa Department led to total restructuring of AmLa course offerings; the new structure will better serve students and eliminate compliance issues of non-validated prerequisites. The new AmLa 33R reading class will also help students meet the college reading requirement.
- AR&P 511 Credit By Examination International Baccalaureate Policy
- AR&P 516.1 Guidelines for certifying Baccalaureate Level
- Raised the issue of inconsistent course numbering system. This issue is now before the Academic Senate. A resolution to create a consistent numbering system will be forthcoming.
- Modified AR&Ps 508.5 and 508.7 to accurately reflect the types of degrees Mt. SAC now offers.
- In keeping with Academic Senate policy to mirror the CSU GE pattern, the council directed Admissions & Records graduation evaluators to grant students the option of using a GE course which has been assigned retroactively to more than one area (back to 1991) in whichever assigned area is needed by that student for graduation, irrespective of catalog year.
- Exam the issues of course and program prerequisites.
- Suggested the reinstitution of the annual spring articulation workshop to better prepare faculty to participate in the curriculum development of GE and CSU transfer courses.
- Forwarded to the Academic Senate a proposal to add Math 61—Plane Geometry as a math competency option for AA major graduation requirements (It was approved by the Senate).
- Discussion over how to differentiate between Credit and Non-Credit certificates led to a recommendation that the name of non-credit certificates be changed from “Certificate of Proficiency” to “Certificate of Completion”. The council is waiting for the Chancellor’s Office to issue guidelines for non-credit courses and programs and will revisit this issue.
- In response to the need of departments to meet students’ needs by offering courses which can be developed quickly, the Council approved of the creation of Topics Courses. These are mainly used for degree applicable, non-transfer courses. These courses have pre-approved, generic outlines and can be offered for only one year. (During which time they may be moving as new courses through the curriculum process.) Topics courses are now before the Academic Senate; a resolution is pending.
- The Council raised the issue of program prerequisites; On behalf of the Council, Vice-President Nixon approached the Nursing Department about its program perquisites. As a result, the Nursing Department brought to the Council a proposal to implement a new model for enrollment which is based on a model created by the Chancellor’s Office. The new model is scheduled to begin implementation for the 2006-07 academic year. This new model for enrollment will provide a fair opportunity for all students and bring Mt. SAC’s Nursing program into compliance with state regulations.

And the year isn’t over…..