Curriculum Proposal System Sustainability Proposal

Checkbox, catalogue ID and definition refinement

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More background will be provided in person at the Curriculum Council meeting.

- Concept: a checkbox be added within the CPS whereby faculty could flag courses (or changes to courses) that include sustainability content.
  - Checkbox would include explanatory text such as: *This course includes content related to the intersection of at least two of the three following aspects of sustainability: environmental equity, economic equity and social equity.* Or *This course includes content related to environmental, economic, and/or social aspects of sustainability.*
  - Checking the box would tag the courses to be sorted into a list (e.g. annual report) and also alert Sustainability Office staff when a course has been approved in the system.
    - In order to not slow or complicate the process, the Sustainability Office would not be a part of the formal curriculum review process, but would be able to access the proposal and attached syllabus to double check and confirm that they feel the course does fall under the definition of a “sustainability course” or “course with sustainability content.” This might be important if this designation becomes visible in the catalog, which would need to be worked out and discussed further.

- In the future, an icon (or some designator) could be created that identifies sustainability courses or courses with sustainability content. This would allow students to identify these courses.

- Based on who checks the box, the Sustainability Office could assemble group of interested faculty to help refine definitions and other aspects of the process.