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During the 2014-15 academic year OEC fulfilled its regular responsibilities as outlined in the faculty handbook. As of April 9, 2014 OEC reviewed...

Course changes	34
New courses	17
New/Changes of certificates	4
New program proposals	1
Total proposals	56 ¹

In addition, OEC has fulfilled its charges, and engaged in two significant discussion items:

1. [Charge] Gather information from faculty regarding the online and hybrid courses. Review practices across the university for consistency.
 - OEC combined this with the next charge.
2. [Charge] Review the definitions of F2F, hybrid and online.
 - OEC surveyed units about a possible change to the definition of "hybrid". Based on the feedback received, as well as reviewing current best-practices, OEC voted to update the definition of hybrid to any course that deliberately uses online instruction to replace in-class instruction. Details will be forthcoming at a later date. Implementation is planned for Fall 2016.
3. [Discussion] Approval of hybrid and online courses.
 - OEC clarified two levels of approval: one for hybrid, one for completely online courses. Details will be forthcoming in an OEC policy document. In summary, offering a course fully online requires a more thorough design process than offering a course in a hybrid format. Therefore, approval for hybrid delivery does not automatically grant approval for fully online delivery.
4. [Discussion] Peer review of hybrid/online teaching.
 - OEC conducted a review of peer institutions and how they handled peer review of hybrid and online courses. In Winter, OEC conducted a pilot test of four peer review instruments. We are still collecting data and will be making a final recommendation in the Fall.

¹ We anticipate another half dozen courses this semester.