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SUBJECT: Course Suffixes

Over the past year and a half, there have been challenges following the removal of courses suffixes and sole reliance on LionPATH attributes. Effective immediately, the Senate Committee on Curricular Affairs (SCCA) will review course proposals that include suffixes. The ability to add a course suffix does not alter any standard process of course review or any standard practice in administrative scheduling of courses in LionPATH.

Units and proposers should be aware of the following:

- The SCCA will not reinstate previous course suffixes that have been removed.
- Proposers requesting a suffix for a course must navigate typical curricular processes utilizing curriculum.psu.edu; this applies to both course change and new course proposals.
- Unit schedulers must continue to enter courses in LionPATH utilizing attribute features even if a course suffix is present; the attribute information embedded in LionPATH plays a crucial role in the ability to identify courses and perform necessary tracking and assessment procedures.
- The inclusion of the suffix is intended to assist the student and department while the attributes inclusion allows LionPATH to perform effectively.

The SCCA believes the presence of suffixes where appropriate will aid students in scheduling appropriately and allow departments to display course nuances in a transparent manner while not altering the LionPATH system needs for administrative course and program-level assessment and tracking.

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