Recommendations to the Undergraduate Studies Committee on Procedures for Co-Terminal Degrees J. Kallend, N. Menhart, C. Orze, R. Trygstad, P. Zachocki

- 1. Approval by the UGSC of the undergraduate component of co-terminal programs is required for entirely new programs, and for existing UG programs that have been substantially revised in order to become part of a co-terminal program. "Substantial revision" is defined to be:
- (a) a change in the total number of credit hours for the UG degree.
- (b) changes to the required major courses in the UG degree**.
- (c) any changes affecting the General Education requirements,
- (d) any changes affecting compliance with accreditation criteria.
- ** If a change to a major course involves substitution of a more advanced course that would normally be approved by existing procedures within the academic unit offering the program and the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, this is not considered to be a substantive revision.
- 2. If no substantive changes to an existing UG program are proposed in a co-terminal program, then notification of the UGSC is all that is required. The UGSC chair can verify that no substantive changes are made.
- 3. Departments can set their own minimum requirements for admission to the co-terminal program that exceed the IIT minimum (3.0 GPA).
- 4. Since students are in undergraduate status until the award of a degree, the academic probation criteria should be those defined in the Undergraduate Bulletin. A policy for students who fail to maintain the standards to continue in the co-terminal program will need to be determined by the Graduate College.
- 5. Transfer students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours at IIT before being eligible to apply for a co-terminal program.
- 6. In the case where the undergraduate component of a co-terminal program is different from the regular undergraduate program, academic units need to articulate transition rules for students who drop out of a co-terminal program so that they can switch to a regular UG program.
- 7. The Undergraduate Bulletin should contain links to a separate supplement detailing the co-terminal programs, and a brief listing of available co-terminal programs in the "Special Programs" section and departmental sections. Program descriptions in the supplement should follow a standard template (to follow).