

Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee 5.5.2017

In the 4.11.17 UGSC meeting the following items were presented and are forwarded to the University Faculty Council for approval:

New Co-Terminal Degree – B.S. in Materials Science and Engineering and Master of Material Science and Engineering: This co-terminal program presented by Sudhakar Nair and Sumanta Acharya was approved unanimously. Full details of the proposal are at http://www.iit.edu/~ugsc/documents/802_BS-MSE&MAS-MSE.pdf

Termination of Co-Terminal Degree Programs in ECE: The proposal by the ECE Department to eliminate the B.S. Electrical Engineering/Master of Electrical and Computer Engineering and the B.S. Computer Engineering/Master of Electrical and Computer Engineering co-terminal degrees was approved with some dissent. It was requested that the minutes acknowledge that UGSC has no jurisdiction on the elimination of degrees according to Appendix P of the faculty handbook.

In the 4.25.17 UGSC meeting the following items were presented and are forwarded to the University Faculty Council for approval:

New Co-Terminal Degree – B.S. in Biomedical Engineering and M.S. in Biology for Health Professions: This co-terminal program presented by Katherine Spink was approved unanimously. Full details of the proposal are at <http://www.iit.edu/%7Eugsc/documents/BS%20BME+MS%20Bio%20for%20Health%20Description%20all%20tracks.pdf>.

Communication Across the Curriculum (CAC) subcommittee review of C-coded courses in Chemistry and CHBE: This report was presented by Greg Pulliam, CAC Coordinator. All current C-coded courses were continued and the report was accepted unanimously.

In the 4.11.17 and 4.25.17 UGSC meeting, the following items were presented and are forwarded to the University Faculty Council for consideration as information items:

Proposal to change undergraduate honors criteria: A formal proposal to change these criteria was made by Greg Pulliam of Humanities. The existing policy can be found here: <http://bulletin.iit.edu/undergraduate/academic-policiesprocedures/graduation/graduation-with-honors/>. The proposed change is available at <http://www.iit.edu/~ugsc/documents/Graduating with Honors at IIT-2.pdf>. This was discussed at some length over three meetings and no motion was made to approve the proposal put forward. This discussion will continue in the fall.

IIT Core Curriculum Assessment Committee update: Rebecca Steffenson, Committee Co-Chair, reported on progress of this committee to the members; they are currently completing assessment of IPRO outcomes. Their report is available at <http://www.iit.edu/~ugsc/documents/IIT%20CORE%20CURRICULUM%20ASSESSMENT%20COMMITTEE%20report%20to%20UGSC%204.25.17.htm>.

Academic Affairs Issues: Christopher White, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, updated the UGSC on a variety of issues and will continue to update us on a regular basis.

Academic year 2017-2018 UGSC officers: Members voted unanimously to have Greg Pulliam continue as Vice Chair and Rebecca Steffenson continue as Secretary. Ray Trygstad's continuation as Chair has been already approved by the UFC.

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