

## Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee 9.30.2016

In the 9.13.2016 UGSC meeting, the following discussions were held; no actions were taken, and are presented here as information regarding work of the UGSC currently in progress:

*Proposal for course feedback implementation:* (4/26/14 Minutes, item 4) Course feedback implementation was approved by the UFC. Discussion was held about how to now implement this policy with the understanding that both faculty and students would need to be made aware of it. It was suggested that it appear in the student handbook and/or the bulletin. R. Trygstad will reach out to registrar and look into the grading section of the bulletin.

*P/F Grading Implementation:* (4/12/16 Minutes, item 7) Discussion was held about how to implement the P/F policy. It needs to be published in the bulletin and be implemented in course registration system. R. Trygstad will discuss with the registrar and bulletin manager. Departments should have discussions about which courses they would like to designate as P/F.

In the 9.27.2016 UGSC meeting, the following items were presented and are forwarded to the University Faculty Council for consideration as information items:

*Revised BS in Molecular Biochemistry and Biophysics, MBB degree:* Presented by Nick Menhart from Biology; it is available at

<http://www.iit.edu/~ugsc/documents/MBB%20revision%202016%20final.pdf> .

In this revision of the MBB degree, some core courses were removed and added to the electives, and new electives were added. This was brought to the UGSC and is forwarded to UFC as an informational item, because the credit hours remain the same. Biology noted that the revisions are all BIO courses and the prerequisites are covered by the core.

*Leadership Minor:* This was forwarded for consideration by Jennifer Miller from Psychology, who was not present to present it. The minor is available at

<http://bulletin.iit.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-education/minors/#Leadership> .

Concerns about this minor curriculum expressed by UGSC members are summarized here: a) Army ROTC leadership courses are listed but Navy and Air Force courses are not; b) many listed social science courses are not regularly offered; c) HUM 380 is listed but not all HUM 380 topics will be appropriate; d) there should be a restriction on students taking both INTM 322 and ITMM 471; and e) the long list of electives might confuse students. The UGSC recommends that an advisor be appointed for the minor, and that elective course selection in the minor be listed in the Bulletin as subject to advisor approval.

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