

Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee 10.13.2017

In the 9.12.17 UGSC meeting, the following items were presented and are forwarded to the University Faculty Council for consideration as information items:

Proposed Change to Standards for Graduating With Honors: The full proposal is at [http://www.iit.edu/~ugsc/documents/Graduating with Honors at IIT-2.pdf](http://www.iit.edu/~ugsc/documents/Graduating_with_Honors_at_IIT-2.pdf). A vote was called after discussion and the motion failed.

Change to the B.S. in Chemistry: The Chemistry Department will remove the following specializations for the B.S. in Chemistry: Biological Chemistry, Chemical Physics, Materials Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, and Polymer Chemistry. This change is being made because the department is phasing out the degree. This is an information item and required no action.

Minor in Computational Mathematics:

The requirements for this minor are available for review at

<http://www.iit.edu/~ugsc/documents/ComputationalMathMinorRequirements.pdf>.

This is an information item and required no action.

Discussion of Changes to Advising Information Systems: Members of UGSC expressed concern about changes to the advising systems at the start of the semester. Several systems used by advisors went offline the weekend before the start of the semester without prior notice. Several members also agreed that changes should be vetted by advisors, and that the new system did not adequately address advisors' needs. This was followed by a resolution at the next UGSC meeting.

Requests from Faculty: The Social Science Department asked advisors to inform students about the 2018 faculty led summer study abroad trip to Osaka Japan. The four-week program is open to all majors and courses count towards the Humanities and Social Science requirements of the core curriculum.

AMSA (the student premed organization) and the University Premedical Advisory Committee will be conducting a mock MMI for our premed students on either Friday October 20th or Friday November 3rd. This is likely to be a morning event. They are requesting volunteers to be interviewers. Please make an announcement to faculty and ask potential volunteers to contact Kathryn Spink, spink@iit.edu or 312.567.3441.

In the 9.26.17 UGSC meeting, the following items were presented and are forwarded to the University Faculty Council for consideration as information items:

Resolution on Maintaining the Stability of Information Support Systems During Crucial Time Periods: This resolution requests that no changes be made to information systems supporting student advising and other faculty support functions for five weeks surrounding the beginning of each semester and three weeks surrounding the end of the semester. The full resolution, which passed unanimously, is at [http://www.iit.edu/~ugsc/documents/UGSC IT Support Resolution.pdf](http://www.iit.edu/~ugsc/documents/UGSC_IT_Support_Resolution.pdf). This resolution expressing the concerns of the UGSC has been forwarded to the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and the Chief Information Officer.

In the 10.10.17 UGSC meeting, the following items were presented and are forwarded to the University Faculty Council for consideration as information items:

SGA Proposal for Graduating with Honors at Illinois Tech: This proposal from the Student Government Association would lower the minimums for Magna Cum Laude from 3.8 to 3.7 and Summa Cum Laude from 3.9 to 3.85. The minimum for Cum Laude would remain 3.5. The total number of students receiving honors would not change. Please see the document at http://www.iit.edu/~ugsc/documents/SGA_Graduating_with_Honors_Proposal.pdf for the full proposal including a discussion of the justification. A vote may be taken at the 10.24.17 meeting.

New Degree Proposal: Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity and Information Technology This proposal was introduced and discussed. The proposal is available at http://www.iit.edu/~ugsc/documents/BS_in_Cybersecurity_and_IT_Proposal_2017.pdf and will be voted on at the 10.24.17 meeting.

Discussion of Office of Digital Learning lecture capture production fees effective Spring 2017: A discussion of the \$1,000 per course fee to continue to use current lecture capture methods was led off by an explanation from Lauren Woods, Director of the Office of Digital Learning, and was followed by a lively discussion by UGSC members and visiting deans and faculty. Faculty members expressed a great deal of concern that this decision had been made unilaterally with no consultation of stakeholders. No resolution or action was taken but faculty members have urged that a final decision regarding imposition of these fees be made before the Spring schedule is published. ***This is a topic the University Faculty Council may wish to address.***

Requests from Faculty: The Core Curriculum Assessment Committee requests that each department volunteer a faculty member to participate in core curriculum rubric scoring on IPRO day. Each department is requested to submit the name for their department to Rebecca Steffenson, rsteffe1@iit.edu.

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