

Undergraduate Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 2, 2017
1:30-3:00 PM, Hornbake 4113

In attendance: Vedat Diker, Bill Kules, Jessica Vitak, Brandon Turp (student representative), Joanne Briscoe (ex-officio, voting), Adaire Parker (ex-officio, voting), Lindsay Sarin (non-member), Courtney Douglas (non-member)
Absent/Excused: Tim Summers, Brian Butler (ex-officio, non-voting)

- I. The committee discussed and voted on the course proposal for INST 152 - Foundational Scholarship and Critical Inquiry in the Information Age. The proposal was approved. (5 for, 0 against, 1 abstain)
- II. The committee discussed and voted on the course proposal for INST 366 - Technology, Culture, and Society. The proposal was approved. (6 for, 0 against)
- III. The committee discussed and voted on the course proposal for INST 414 - Data Science Techniques. The proposal was approved. (6 for, 0 against). There was concern about whether this course is sufficiently different than INST 314 and INST 447. After discussion about the overlaps and differences between the three courses, the committee reached the consensus that this course is sufficiently different than INST 314 and INST 447.
- IV. The committee discussed the course proposal for INST 4xx - The Secret Life of Hackers. Brian B. and Bill K. had sent substantial comments and suggestions to the committee via email previously. The committee concluded that the proposal is not ready for a vote, and offered to continue providing feedback to Tim S. as the proposal is revised.
- V. Vedat D. gave information about the program self-study activity. The UGC have some role in the activity; specifically, providing input for the mission/vision/strategic direction portion, and providing feedback on the final draft report. More information will follow over the month and at the next meeting. Vedat D. will send the MHEC proposal to the committee as a starting point for the mission/vision/strategic direction portion.
- VI. Updates on the following projects of the UGC:
 - a. InfoSci curriculum development: All Data Science electives are now complete. The Core courses are complete, minus the Capstone. VD will bring a few people into that development effort, including committee members.
 - b. Development of a process for program learning outcomes assessment: As the initial step, VD and LS are mapping the program level outcomes to the courses.
 - c. Development of Cybersecurity and Threat Analysis specialization: We have a good proposal and Keith M. is on board. Participating programs will meet to work further.
 - d. NSF S-STEM proposal development: Bill K. created a two-pager, shared with Susan W., and received feedback from her; also from Lisa Kiely, and Alice (TLTC). He is

concerned about the March 31 deadline. If we cannot make it to this round, we will pursue it in the next cycle.

VII. Next Steps

- a. UGC meetings for the Spring 2016 semester:
 - i. Thursday, April 6, 2017, 1:30-3:00 PM, Room 4113
 - ii. Thursday, May 4, 2017, 1:30-3:00 PM, Room 4113