



COLLEGE OF
INFORMATION
STUDIES

Information Science Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, Monday, October 11, 2021
2:00-3:30 PM

In attendance (virtually): Jessica Vitak, Pamela Duffy, Fabian Faccio, S, Animbom Tansinda (CP student rep.), Tetyana Bezbabna, Galina Reitz, Vedat Diker, Ron Padron (non-voting member), Kate Izsak, Scott Mobarry (SG student rep.), Ge Gao

In attendance - non-committee members: Doug Oard, Alex Leitch

Absent/Excused: Naghmeh Momeni

1. The Committee started its meeting with the round of Introductions.
2. The Committee reviewed and voted on the following new course proposal:
 - a. INST408x *Search Engines* - to be offered for the first time as a special topics course during the Spring 2022 semester (with the goal to convert it into a course with a permanent number after that).
 - i. The course was created and presented by Doug Oard
 - ii. The votes were as follows: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-absent
3. The Committee reviewed and voted on the proposal to convert the following special topic courses to a permanent number courses:
 - a. INST408O - *Project Management* - to be converted to INST453
 - i. Presented by Galina Reitz: the course has been taught for 2 full academic years by the iSchool Adjunct - Arjav Shah. The course has been very successful and has been able to attract high enrollments. This course is also a part of the InfoSci Technology Innovation Leadership minor offered at the Shady Grove campus.
 - ii. The votes were as follows: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-absent
 - b. INST408U - Information Assurance and Compliance - to be converted to INST455
 - i. Presented by Galina Reitz. Created and taught by the iSchool Adjunct - Michael Prakhya. The course is being taught for the first time in the Fall 2021 semester and will be offered again in fall 2022. This course

is also a part of the Information Risk Management, Ethics, and Privacy minor offered at the Shady Grove campus.

- ii. The votes were as follows: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-absent
- c. INST408Z - *Emerging Technologies and Risk Management* - to be converted to INST461
 - i. Presented by Galina Reitz. Created and taught by the iSchool Adjunct - Arjav Shah. The course is being taught for the first time in the Fall 2021 semester and will be offered again in fall 2022. This course is also a part of the Information Risk Management, Ethics, and Privacy minor offered at the Shady Grove campus.
 - ii. The votes were as follows: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-absent
- 4. The Committee was joined by Alex Leitch, who presented summary information about INST377 and potential changes that the course may benefit from.

According to student feedback, INST377 (the way it is taught now) is very difficult and many students are not able to cope with such complexity. Alex has proposed to break INST377 into a sequence of two courses: one focusing on front-end development and single-page web applications (HTML, CSS, Javascript, JQuery, Github) and the second focusing on web architecture, writing code on servers, and web programming.

Next Steps - developing course proposals for the Committee to review and vote on.

- 5. The committee was encouraged to think of actionable projects to work on throughout the 2021-2022 academic year. Further discussions will follow.

Galina shared that the InfoSci-Shady Grove program will focus on further growing its curriculum by developing courses that meet General Education requirements. Galina also encouraged participating student representatives to share their feedback on what subjects are missing from the courses that already exist in the program. The following subject areas were listed: cloud computing, product/program management, Amazon Web Services.

- 6. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.