

# HCIM Program Committee Meeting for April

April 10th, 2020

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Virtual meeting

Meeting called by:	Bill Kules	Type of meeting:	Monthly Committee Meeting
Facilitator:	Carol Boston	Note taker:	Amy Asadi
Timekeeper:	Carol Boston		

**Attendees:** Bill Kules (6 / 6), Carol Boston (6 / 6), Kate Izsak ( 5 / 6), Niklas Elmqvist (6 / 6), Ge Gao (6 / 6), Alex Leitch (6 / 6), Jeff Waters ( 3 /6), Dustin Smith (5 / 6) Amy Asadi (Note Taker)

Additional Attendees: Mia K. Hinckle, Ron Padron, Craig Taylor

Agenda and related documents [here](#)

**Please bring:** None

## *Minutes of the Meeting:*

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**Agenda item:** (1:00) Approval of [March meeting minutes](#) **Presenter:** Bill Kules

**Discussion:** The minutes of the March meeting were adopted by unanimous vote.

**APPROVED:** Vote: **6** voted yes, **0** no, **0** abstain

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**Agenda item:** (1:05) Program updates: admissions, virtual session recap, **Presenter:** Bill Kules & Carol Boston  
space planning meeting, HCIM [welcome video](#)

### **Discussion:**

Bill Kules and Carol Boston discussed the following programmatic updates:

- The welcome video to admitted students was successfully sent out.
- Admitted students session brought in an audience of 65 + admitted students. The allotted time went over due to high engagement and questions.
- The iSchool Design Committee met with architectural consultants and will move forward with further interviews to develop design considerations; iSchool commons vision was discussed.
- Admitted students now have three options to start their degree due to global circumstances; Fall 2020 start, Spring 2021 start, or Fall 2021 start.
  - Deferral or a late start is better than an online option for international students because they are not allowed to have internships until they have attended two in-person semesters.
  - Spring start aligns with plans to make the program more flexible for part-time students because it will mean that core courses are offered in multiple semesters.
- About 8-10 applicants for whom there was previously no space will now be invited to accept an admission if they wish. We anticipate having an incoming cohort of 20-25.

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<b>Agenda item:</b>	(1:15) Conversation with Mia, Ron - reopening domestic applications, recruiting InfoSci students	<b>Presenter:</b>	Bill Kules, Mia Hinckle & Ron Padron
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#### Discussion:

The HCIM and MIM program are considering reopening admissions for domestic students, particularly those who have completed the undergraduate Information Science bachelor's degree.

- Jeff will work with the Communications team to devise graphics and materials to communicate this opportunity.
- As an incentive, the MIM program is offering certain course waivers from InfoScience alum based on courses taken during their undergraduate education.
  - HCIM program may not have as many options but is exploring whether a 4-level class in design from undergraduate could be waived. "Double-counting" credits may be prohibited by UMD.

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<b>Agenda item:</b>	(1:25) Program Outcomes Workshop: Collaboratively mapping our <a href="#">core curriculum objectives</a> into a Miro affinity board.	<b>Presenter:</b>	Bill Kules
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#### Discussion:

Together the Committee worked to organize data collected for an affinity diagram related to desired program learning outcomes. Data included learning objectives from core courses, as well as observations from recent industry contacts and from internship-seeking experiences

#### Conclusions:

The Committee will continue to reach out to contacts within their network to collect more data about what UX students should know and be able to do by the time they leave the program. The affinity is heavily influenced by industry-leaning learning outcomes; these will need to be balanced with academic research outcomes. The Committee will continue to work together to refine the affinity diagram within the next coming weeks. The next step will then be to see how the desired learning outcomes are reflected in the current curriculum, and where adjustments need to be made.

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<b>Agenda item:</b>	(2:00) Finalize <a href="#">Jenny Preece/Ben Shneiderman HCIM Excellence Award</a> criteria based on Awards Committee rubric and confirm schedule (1 x \$500)	<b>Presenter:</b>	Bill Kules
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#### Discussion:

The Committee discussed the current criteria and logistics of the new HCIM excellence award intended to recognize a graduating student with a \$1,000 prize awarded at the HCIL Symposium.

#### Conclusions:

Ron Padron and Prof. Beth Jean provided a list of similar awards and their criteria to use as a guideline. All faculty will receive a list of eligible students and a nomination form. The Committee will discuss applications at the May meeting.

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**Agenda item:** (2:15) Review [2020 essay prompts](#) for applicants and propose changes/additions for 2021 cycle **Presenter:** Bill Kules

Due to time limitations, discussion regarding this agenda item has been postponed to the May meeting.

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**Agenda item:** (2:25) Review action items and adjourn **Presenter:** Carol Boston

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Jeff</b> will review <b>Bill and Carol's</b> drafted email to applicants whose status has changed to accepted and follow up with Grad School	Jeff Waters	April 17th, 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ron</b> will provide <b>Carol</b> and <b>Bill</b> with list of 400-level undergraduate courses that could potentially be waived for incoming HCIM students from InfoSci program	Ron Padron	May 1st, 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Alex</b> will follow up with <b>Ron</b> to determine if they should promote the HCIM program in their undergraduate class.	Alex Leitch	April 17th, 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>All Committee Members</b> will continue to reach out to 2-3 contacts for insight to help determine appropriate program learning outcomes. The committee will update <a href="#">this spreadsheet</a> with their contacts and input.	All Committee Members	May 1st, 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>All Committee Members</b> will spend a half hour to visit the <a href="#">Learning Outcomes Affinity</a> and continue to organize the board into appropriate themes.	All Committee Members	May 1st, 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Carol</b> will work with the iSchool Awards Committee to prepare an announcement for the new HCIM Excellence Award, including a list of graduating students eligible to be nominated.	Carol Boston	April 15th, 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Niklas</b> will email Joel to confirm whether the HCIL Award should be publicized alongside the HCIM award or if procedures will be different.	Niklas Elmqvist	April 17th, 2020