

HCIM Program Committee Meeting for November

November, 15, 2019

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

HBK 4115

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

Attendees: Bill Kules (3 / 8), Carol Boston (3 / 8), Kate Iszak (2 / 8), Niklas Emqvist(3 / 8), Ge Gao (3/ 8), Alex Leitch (3 / 8), Astha Khurana (3 / 8), Amy Asadi (Note Taker)

Agenda and related documents [here](#). (include hyperlink of agenda here)

Please bring: None

Minutes of the Meeting:

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

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

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

Agenda item: (1:05) Set date for the January “calibration meeting” for app reviewers **Presenter:** Bill Kules

Discussion:

Committee will meet December 13th for an extended session that will include a calibration of the application review process. Members will be provided with 20 applications a week prior in order to offer thoughtful and thorough feedback at the December meeting.

Agenda item: (1:10) Program updates: DCUX report + iConsultancy/experiential learning project update + Spring semester courses update (Bill Kules, Carol Boston) **Presenter:** Bill Kules & Carol Boston

Discussion:

DCUX Conference

- Bill, Carol, and Amy attended the DCUX Conference and initiated several potential connections that may lead to 4-5 new instructors for 1 credit courses or speakers for Tech Talks
- DCUX Conference also prompted strong interest from industry professionals seeking graduate level education in UX.
- Such interest opens discussion for potential competency-based variation of a masters degree that offers credit for performing work in the field.

iConsultancy/Experiential Learning

- iConsultancy demonstrates success with 6 courses, 127 students and 23 projects across iSchool. This includes projects for 710 and capstones.
- Brought in around 70,000 dollars of funds that partners have contributed (including undergraduate projects)
- Expect an average of 50 projects for Spring with undergraduate program driving demand.
- Projects come from external and internal partnerships respectively.

Spring One-Credit Courses

- One-credit roll out was successful; with Pass/Fail grading system considered with Pass/Fail grading system.
- Spring one-credits may include Professional Development, Lean/Agile Methods, and Makerspace

Agenda item: (1:20) [For final approval] Game design course [proposal](#) and **Presenter:** Niklas Elmqvist
[syllabus](#) (INST 728 special topics in Spring 2020)

Discussion:

Niklas provided an update on the final draft for 728 Game Design

- Emphasis on game design as strategy versus as technology will be important
- Course may include reading responses in the first third of course to ensure reading comprehension as well as Board and Brew field Trip
- Caro currently working on proposal for a games lab

Conclusions:

- **APPROVED**

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

Agenda item: (1:30) [For discussion] Input on iSchool proposal: [Managing conflicts arising from dual role professional track faculty/students](#) **Presenter:** Bill Kules

Discussion:

Associate Dean Brian Butler asked that program committee members review and provide feedback on above iSchool proposal. Proposal addresses scenarios where faculty and staff serve in both positions with the iSchool. Those in such a position would choose whether to be a primary student or faculty member, thus receiving corresponding benefits from primary role but not both.

Conclusions:

- The Committee will continue to review proposal and provide additional feedback within the next week.

Agenda item:	(1:45) [For discussion] Potential course changes and additions	Presenter:	Kate Isak & Bill Kules
	a. INST 701: Introduction to Research Methods vs. INST 808 Seminar in Research Methods and Data Analysis (qual/quant topic rotation) (Kate Isak)		
	b. Interactive Technologies for HCI (a CS course of high interest to HCIM students) (Bill Kules)		

Discussion:**INST 701 vs INST808**

Academic Director Kate Isak presented the opportunity for research-focused students to take doctoral level research courses in place of 701. This would include courses in both quantitative and qualitative methods. Said courses would be offered on a rotating basis.

Interactive Technologies for HCI

Proposed course pitch by profession in CS Department. Past students had successful experience taking a similar course in CS School. Alex feels course could be offered within iSchool under certain conditions (access to particular equipment such as lockers or laser cutters). Bill states it may be feasible to offer 3 credit Makerspace course in Spring 2021 with 15 available spots.

Conclusions:

- The Committee welcomes these changes and additions in the curriculum.
- Alex will begin to brainstorm proposal for Makerspace course in summer, 2020.

Agenda item:	(2:00) [For discussion/approval] Updated subcommittee reports	Presenter:	Sub Committee Members
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Discussion:

All subcommittees provided an overview of their work to date.

[INST 702: Advanced Usability course review](#) - Niklas Elmqvist, Carol Boston

- **Discussion:** The Advanced Usability Course Review was adopted by unanimous vote.
- **APPROVED:** Vote: **6** voted yes, **0** no, **0** abstain

[INST 711: Interaction Design Studio course review](#) - Bill Kules, Alex Leitch, Astha Khurana

Discussion: The Interaction Design Studio Course Review was adopted by unanimous vote.

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

[Application review streamlining](#) - Carol Boston, Ge Gao, Jeff Waters

Revised application process includes the following: First round would include a separation of applications by interest into the categories: art/design, social science and technology. Applications that do not meet minimum requirements will not be considered to following rounds. Second round includes an expert review by committee members who are strong in that domain. Third round would be a joint review.

Important considerations:

- We will want to ensure broader conversations are incorporated for a balanced cohort.
- Demonstrated interest in HCI will be necessary for consideration.

Conclusions:

- Subcommittee will meet to conduct another detailed review of the process and will present at the December meeting.
- All Committee Members will read 20 applications individually to offer discussion at the December meeting.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
<input type="checkbox"/> Application Review Subcommittee will flesh out more detailed proposal for December meeting.	Carol Boston, Ge Gao, Jeff Waters	December 13th, 2019
<input type="checkbox"/> Application Review Subcommittee will provide committee members with applications to review before the December meeting.	Carol Boston, Ge Gao, Jeff Waters	December 7th, 2019
<input type="checkbox"/> All Committee Members will review 20 applications each to discuss at the December meeting.	All Committee Members	December 13th, 2019