



Undergraduate Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

2:00PM-3:15PM, Hornbake 4113

In attendance: Bill Kules, Christopher Antoun, Jessica Vitak, Jency Francis (non-member), Lindsay C Sarin (non-member), Marivel Soria, Nabintta Coulibaly, Ron Padron, Tetyana Bezbabna, Timothy Summers, Vedat Diker.

1. Vedat Diker introduced the new members of the committee: Ron Padron and Tetyana Bezbabna, new Assistant Directors of Undergraduate Programs at College Park and Shady Grove campuses, respectively.
2. Tetyana Bezbabna introduced the proposed admissions criteria for Shady Grove admissions. The committee voted on the criteria as a whole as follows: 9 for, 0 against, 0 abstention. The criteria are approved.
3. Vedat Diker introduced a prerequisite change proposal: Drop INST362 as a prerequisite for INST462, and add INST314 as a prerequisite for INST462. The committee voted as follows: 8 for, 0 against, 1 abstention. The change is approved.
4. Ron Padron introduced a proposal for updating how INST course prerequisites are listed on Testudo: Update “must have completed INSTxxx” to “must have completed INSTxxx with a C- or higher”. The committee voted as follows: 9 for, 0 against, 0 abstention. The change is approved.
5. Bill Kules gave an update on progress on the possible NSF S-STEM proposal.
6. The committee reviewed two new course proposals submitted by Richard Marciano and Michael Kurtz: INST4xx - Research in Digital Curation and INST4xx - Research in Big Data. The committee assessed that there are changes to be made to the proposals before they can be voted. VD will share feedback from the committee with RM and MK, and request revised versions.