

HCIM Program Committee Meeting for October

October 12, 2018

1:00PM – 2:30 PM

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Meeting called by:	Bill Kules	Type of meeting:	Monthly Committee Meeting
Facilitator:	Carol Boston	Note taker:	Lacey Arevalo Sabado
Timekeeper:	Carol Boston		

Members in Attendance: Bill Kules (2/2), Carol Boston (2/2) Niklas Elmqvist (2/2), Tammy Clegg (2/2), Joel Chan (2/2), Eun Kyong Choe (2/2), Jeff Waters (1/1), Astha Khurana (1/1)

Agenda and related documents [here](#)

Please bring: None

Minutes of the Meeting:

Agenda item: Overview of draft HCIM Committee Strategic Plan, 2018-19 **Presenter:** Bill Kules

Discussion:

Priorities based on previous HCIM Committee work include:

- Revise admissions process (plan will be developed operationally and presented to Committee for discussion and approval)
- Conduct course reviews for selected courses (INST 630: Programming, INST 717: Internship, possibly INST 702: Advanced Usability Testing) as part of an effort to infuse the curriculum with current industry tools, methods, and skills and include opportunities for students to develop high-quality portfolio projects
- Build industry relationships and incorporate industry representatives in various ways throughout the program (e.g., Tech Talks, instructors, mentors, critique providers, etc.)
- Make some progress toward design consultancy and creation of a portal for student portfolios
 - Carol talked to Art Department about portfolio critique. Kate Jules is running a reversed Career Fair (art students show their portfolio and employers go around reviewing them). Will seek to include HCIM students in a combined effort in Spring 2019

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
<input type="checkbox"/> Discuss admission procedures and previous year stats with Jeff and Bill	Carol	November 9
<input type="checkbox"/> Explore reversed Career Fair in cooperation with the Art Department	Carol	November 9

Agenda item: Focusing committee priorities (see [Strategic Plan](#)) and identifying team leads and timelines **Presenter:** Bill Kules

Discussion:

Proposed Subcommittee Priorities for Committee Consideration

1. INST 717: Internship Course Review

2. INST 630: Programming Course Review
3. Increase Electives
4. Liaise with the InfoSci Program Committee (new HCI/UX specialization to be discussed with Vedat)
5. Develop Part-Time Pathways for Working Professionals

INST 717 was discussed as a candidate for review last year partly in response to student survey and interview feedback; now is the right time to do it in a structured way.

INST630 review issues noted:

- There is difficulty in balancing students with some programming background and no background.
- Potentially add more technical courses to address this?
- Should review the language being taught.
- A preliminary change made to this course this fall is having a final project that is geared toward a UX portfolio. Clickable prototypes are the goal.

Increased electives can include 1-credit Professional Prep, Skills, and Research courses:

- 1-credit courses Prof Prep and Prof Skills are approved but not yet implemented; only 2 students registered this Fall for 1-credit Prof Prep. A single 1-credit course does not help international students reach FT status. Operations to plan more for next year.
- 1-credit research course to be implemented in HCIL BBL (came out of the HCIL retreat).
- Eun Kyoung's suggestion: When working with Masters students for research she spends time training students so she suggests that faculty should also get teaching credits. Can this be a 1-credit special topics course? Potentially target this for Fall 2019.

Undergraduate HCI/UX specialization - Presentation by undergrad InfoSci director Vedat Diker

- Prospective human-centered design (HCD) specialization being considered for the InfoSci program because of significant student interest.
- Good number of faculty, HCIM masters growth trajectory, Design Cultures and Creativity (DCC) point to positive reception.
- Currently DCC program is a Living and Learning /College Park Scholars Program only for freshman and sophomore years. After that, students want to continue HCD. Currently they continue on an engineering track.
- Looking at HCIM and MIM possibly as tracks after the InfoSci undergrad degree is completed
- Possible that we will also have a 4+1 for InfoSci to Masters in the future.
- Timeline: Vedat targets a soft launch (1-2 courses) specialization
 - Start thinking of courses right now (Fall); add specialization (Winter, Spring)
 - Tammy will serve as liaison to the Undergraduate InfoSci Program Committee and help develop this specialization.

Part-time pathways - move to spring

- Carol & Lacey get a number of inquiries from potential part-time students; a few are enrolled already but face challenges when it comes to Capstone if they are combining with full-time day job.
- Committee lead needs to do more market research: What are the markets? Where are the needs?
- Target: Start elaborating a cohesive part-time pathway this spring for students starting in Fall 2019. This also has program-level implications for more evening courses, more offerings of core courses, possible weekend courses, etc.

Votes:

Are we working on the right priorities for the 4 Fall 2018 sub-committees? Vote: **7** yes, **0** no, **0** abstain
(Internship Review, Programming Class Review, Electives Expansion, Undergrad HCI/UX specialization)

Agree with having 2-member subcommittees: **7** yes, **0** no, **0** abstain

Final Priorities and Leads

Subcommittees	Semester	Lead	Member
INST 717 Internship Review	Fall	Niklas	Carol
INST 630 Programming Review	Fall	Joel	Astha
Electives Expansion	Fall	Eun Kyoung	Jeff
Liaise with the Info Sci undergrad program committee to develop HCI/UX specialization	Fall	Tammy	N/A

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
<input type="checkbox"/> All Subcommittee Chairs will present an update on their work for the November meeting	Niklas, Eun Kyoung, Joel and Tammy	Nov 9

Agenda item: Process for conducting course reviews **Presenter:** Bill Kules

Discussion:

- Bill referred to a suggested process for approaching the course review.
- Joel requested to see the current / emerging program objectives before finalizing the course review process.
- Niklas: every course should have an output to the student's portfolio (e.g., Visual Design, UX Research, Interaction Design) - how should the cross-cutting elements be reflected in the syllabus.

Conclusions:

The Committee will return to the course review process at next month's meeting.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Share the current program objectives with the committee	Bill Kules	November 9
✓ Formalize the revised / emerging program objectives	Bill Kules	November 9

Other Agenda Items

Special notes:

Adoption of the September Minutes of the Meeting – **APPROVED**

- **Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (not yet a member at the last meeting)**

Next Meeting: Friday, November 9, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in Hornbake 4115