iSchool Assembly

April 3, 2020
Agenda

• Call to order
• Review and approval of minutes from March 8 meeting
• Review and approval of this agenda
• Dean's Update [Keith]
• Governance update [Brian]
• Nominating Committee Report [Galina, Jeff, Jen, Wayne]
• Show and Chat [Everyone]
• Announcements
Dean's Update

Keith Marzullo
Governance Update

Brian Butler
Undergraduate Governance Structure Modifications
We anticipate the following changes to the College's undergraduate offerings over the next 1-2 years:

• Continued growth of the InfoSci program at both College Park and Shady Grove
  • CP expected enrollment: 1500 students in 4-5 specializations
  • SG enrollment goal: 200-300 students
• Addition of 2-3 minors in partnership with other programs
  • Ethics and Technology, Disability Studies, and increased use of ACES minor
• Addition of 2 new undergraduate majors
  • Information, Design, and Technology (IDT) and Social Data Science (SDS).
  • Proposals and course development for these majors are underway now with goal of launch of relevant courses in Spring 2021 and launch of programs in Fall 2021.
• Addition of 5-7 4+1 programs based on our undergraduate programs

This complexity and scale will overwhelm our current faculty leadership (i.e. Vedat) and governance structure (i.e. the Undergraduate Committee).
Proposed plans to address this:

• Hiring a Shady Grove Information Science Faculty Director (completed)
• Transition of the current undergraduate committee to be the BSIS (InfoSci) Committee, co-chaired by the InfoSci CP and InfoSci SG Faculty Program Directors
• Transition of the IDT Task force to formal IDT Faculty Program Director and IDT program committee (in FY21?)
• Transition of the CADM Task force to a formal SDS Faculty Program Director and SDS program committee (in FY21?)
• Creation of Executive Director of Undergraduate Programs (initially to be held by one of the Faculty Program Directors)

This proposed structure will provide a structure for faculty leadership of core and derivate programs, will allow for effective use of available expertise/experience, and will not require any new committees.
On January 29th, PCC reviewed, voted on, and approved the following items:

• Vote: To approve the appointment of the Shady Grove InfoSci Faculty Program Director to the Undergraduate Committee as member and co-chair effective immediately
  • PCC Committee unanimously voted in favor of approval

• Vote: To approve the other proposed changes/additions to the Undergraduate Committee structure effective July 1, 2020
  • PCC Committee unanimously voted in favor of approval
Nominating Committee Report
Show and Chat
Announcements

• APT Meeting Continuing on Zoom
• Zoom lunch @ Noon
  • Join your randomized table: https://umd.zoom.us/j/948214876