

iSchool Assembly

April 3, 2020



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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



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Governance Update

Brian Butler



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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>

