

MINUTES  
Undergraduate Council  
December 10, 2020

The Undergraduate Council met via video conference at 1:00 p.m. Members participating included: Kurt Boniecki (chair), Carl Frederickson, Debbie Dailey, Shawn Charlton, Suzanne Johnston, Alex Chen, Shreya Gopal, Kerry Jordan, David Kim, Ed Powers, Kristen Dooley, Jennie Case, Art Gillaspay, Bernard Chen, Susan Perry, and Jim Downey.

Members absent: Terry Johnson, Taylor Umbarger, and Jayme Millsap Stone

Guests: Emre Celebi and Kathy Carroll

Action Items:

1. Dr. Frederickson, on behalf of subcommittee one, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Computer Science for new course **CSCI 1360 Principles of Computer Science**. Dr. Downey seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
2. Dr. Frederickson, on behalf of subcommittee one, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Computer Science / Cybersecurity , to remove required course electives PHIL 3320 and PHIL 3325 and add CSCI 4321 to satisfy the **Ethics component for the BS in Cybersecurity**. Dr. Downey seconded the motion. Discussion followed. This proposal is being driven at the request of the ABET accreditors. Dropping the PHIL courses causes a loss of breadth to the program. While there is a need to have an “outsider” or second ethics perspective for the computer science discipline, it’s also important for CSCI to have their own focus in ethics, similar to health ethics in the medical field. Computer Science has enough majors to offer this ethics course every semester, whereas the Philosophy Department does not offer these Ethics courses every semester. PHIL 430 Applied Ethics will still be an option to meet the requirement when it is offered. There is also a concern that doing away with the interdisciplinary approach could set a precedent for other programs. The proposal passed, all in favor.
3. Dr. Frederickson, on behalf of subcommittee one, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Computer Science to remove four credit hours in Required Science courses, add three credit hours to Computer Science electives and **reduce the total credit requirement from 79 to 78 for the BS in Computer Science**. Dr. Downey seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The proposal is being driven at the request of the ABET accreditors. This proposal reduces the number of science lab courses. Motion passed, all in favor.

4. Dr. Jordan, on behalf of subcommittee two, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Music for new course **MUS 3000 Junior Recital**. Dr. Dailey seconded the motion. Discussion followed. There was concern (1) how a course could be required yet not provide any credit hours; (2) how is it billed and; (3) how does it count in a faculty load. Dr. Louis Young provided a written explanation addressing each concern. The recital is the culminating work of many one-credit-hour applied lessons taken over several terms, but in and of itself does not warrant a credit hour of work. This is a standard practice in university music programs – the curriculum is very different from traditional courses. Both the student and faculty member are already doing the work and using no credit courses allows them to include the recital on a student’s transcript. Students do not pay for credit hours, but the cost of the course is funded with a music fee. Motion passed, all in favor.
5. Dr. Jordan, on behalf of subcommittee two, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Music **to add MUS 3000 Junior Recital as a requirement for the BM Performance concentration**. Dr. Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
6. Dr. Jordan, on behalf of subcommittee two, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Family and Consumer Science / BS in Nutrition Science to add existing course **NUTR 4301** to the UCA Core as a capstone course. Dr. Powers seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
7. Dr. Case, on behalf of subcommittee three, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Teaching and Learning for **new minor program Inclusive Practices for Community Engagement** contingent upon changing the name to “Education for Community Engagement.” Dr. Kim seconded the motion. Discussion followed. There was concern of a discrepancy between the justification provided for the new minor (fairly general) and the focus of the new minor itself (fairly tight). Also, the title seems a misnomer if the focus is primarily on inclusion in K-12 educational settings. The subcommittee suggested either changing the title or more clearly articulating in the proposal how this minor would address community engagement especially outside of the K-12 classroom. The Department of Teaching and Learning agreed to change the title. Motion passed, 14 in favor and 1 abstention.
8. Dr. Case, on behalf of subcommittee three, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the College of Business for new course **BUAD 1300 Introduction to Business**. Dr. Alex Chen seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
9. Dr. Case, on behalf of subcommittee three, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Mathematics to add a **“Math ACT of 27 or higher”** to

**the prerequisite requirement for MATH 1496 Calculus I.** Dr. Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed, 14 in favor and 1 abstention.

10. Dr. Case, on behalf of subcommittee three, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the University Scholars Program for new course **USCH 4320 University Scholars Program Capstone**. Dr. Downey seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.

Information Items:

1. From Accounting: nonsubstantive editorial changes of multiple ACCT course descriptions.
2. From Marketing and Management: add course ACCT 3323 Employment Law to several majors, minors and concentration in the Marketing and Management department.
3. From Teaching and Learning/Middle Level/Minor: correct outdated course information and number of required hours.
4. From Accounting: change prerequisite for ACCT 4305 by removing ACCT 3316 and adding "Junior standing or consent of the instructor".
5. From Chemistry: update prerequisites and course descriptions for CHEM 2V01, 3V01, 4V01.
6. From Biology: change course title for BIOL 4404 from Plant Taxonomy to Plant Biodiversity.
7. From Biology: change course title for BIOL 4415 from Evolution to Mechanisms of Evolution.
8. From Biology: change course title for BIOL 4470 from Biology of Seed Plants to Plant Biology.
9. From Computer Science: remove the "at most one course with grade of 'D' rule in Computer Science and Computer Engineering and remove courses CSCI 3190 & CSCI 4191 from the Undergraduate Bulletin.
10. From Computer Science: change course prerequisite for CSCI 4321 by removing "unsuccessful completion of 45 or more credit hours" and adding "CSCI 2320 and successful completion of 60 or more credit hours".
11. From EFIRM/Economics Minor: to allow BBA majors to minor in economics and to allow only one option for the minor, not two.
12. From EFIRM/Insurance & Risk Management Major/General Track: add INSU 4395 Special Topics in Insurance as an elective to the major.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Submitted on behalf of the Undergraduate Council,

*Dr. Debbie Daisey*