

Report of the Undergraduate Studies Committee 11.1.2017

In the 10.24.17 UGSC meeting, the following items were presented and are forwarded to the University Faculty Council for approval:

SGA Proposal for Graduating with Honors at Illinois Tech: This proposal from the Student Government Association would lower the minimums for Magna Cum Laude from 3.8 to 3.7 and Summa Cum Laude from 3.9 to 3.85. The minimum for Cum Laude would remain 3.5. The total number of students receiving honors would not change.

Please see the document at

http://www.iit.edu/~ugsc/documents/SGA_Graduating_with_Honors_Proposal.pdf for the full proposal including a discussion of the justification. This Proposal was approved by the UGSC by a vote of 10 in favor and 1 opposed. The policy change would take effect with the publication of the next Bulletin and would apply to all students.

In the 10.24.17 UGSC meeting, the following items were presented and are forwarded to the University Faculty Council for consideration as information items:

New Degree Proposal: Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity and Information Technology

This previously introduced proposal was discussed. The proposal is available at

http://www.iit.edu/~ugsc/documents/BS_in_Cybersecurity_and_IT_Proposal_2017.pdf

and will be voted on at the 10.24.17 meeting. After discussion, a motion was made to defer the vote on this degree until the next meeting to allow time for more discussion between the stakeholders.

Discussion of Office of Digital Learning lecture capture production fees effective Spring 2017: Vice Provost Chris White responded at length to faculty concerns and recommended that faculty meet with Digital Learning to review the quality of the manned versus unmanned options. Full discussion details are in the UGSC minutes.

Discussion of policy/guidelines for converting contact hours into credit hours: Vice Provost Chris White said that none of the deans had responded to his request for further information about the policies/guideline for converting contact hours into credit hours. Since there was no guidance, he noted that this would be decided on a case by case basis. A UGSC subcommittee consisting of N. Menhart, a representative from the Registrar's office and the SGA Academic Affairs representative will be formed to further consider this issue.

Additional Issues from Vice Provost Chris White:

Early undergraduate Advising: Students are being admitted now and want to register early. Vice Provost White would like colleges to figure out how to address this. Colleges/units may have different responses. A discussion has started with the Deans.

HLC and SARA compliance of online courses: A committee is needed to explore how we make undergraduate and graduate courses compliant. Volunteers are needed.

Midterm course evaluations: Students want midterm evaluations. White thinks it can be done using Blackboard, however UGSC input is needed.

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