

UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING

February 5, 2004

Members present: Deborah Baumgold, Harry Wonham Paul Engelking, Laura Vandenburgh, Herb Chereck, Ron Severson, Emily Gilkey, Tyler Neely, Hilary Gerdes, Mark Thoma, Dave Hubin, Colleen Bell, Steve Pology, Karen Sprague, Julie Newton, Martha Pitts, Kathy Roberts

Members absent: Jim Imamura, Gordon Sayre, John Lysaker, John Postlethwait

Introduce New Member

Deborah Baumgold introduced the new student member of the Undergraduate Council, Emily Gilkey.

Proposal for Mathematics and Computer Science (MACS) Pre-major

A proposal from the Department of Computer and Information Science (CIS) for a pre-major in Mathematics and Computer Science (MACS) was distributed to the council. This is not a new idea since pre-major status for MACS effectively exists now: students are classified as Mathematics or CIS majors before being admitted to the MACS major. CIS would like to institute a Pre-MACS classification that is analogous to the Pre-CIS classification, and intended to include that request in the original proposal to the Undergraduate Council for a pre-CIS major (November 2000). The formalization of the Pre-MACS classification will ensure that students have the flexibility to transfer between the majors and will facilitate access to CIS courses by students planning for the MACS degree.

The motion to adopt the proposal was passed unanimously.

Final Consideration of Guidelines for 300-level Group-Satisfying Classes

Karen Sprague distributed a revised draft of the Criteria for 300-level Group-Satisfying Courses to the council. The council discussed the revisions and had the following suggestions for the final version:

- In the last bolded paragraph, add the work 'advanced' before university-level intellectual engagement.
- Arrange the examples in the same order, with respect to group, for each bullet point.

- Mark Thoma and Karen Sprague will slightly revise several of the examples.

A motion to adopt the Criteria for 300-level Group-satisfying Courses with some slight rewording was passed unanimously.

Plans for Completing the Review of Group-satisfying Courses

Karen distributed a document outlining a plan for completing the review of the group-satisfying courses. The plan includes reviewing only the remaining 100- and 200-level courses, since the previous review of 300-level courses has already provided insight and prompted better delineation of the key characteristics of such courses (see previous section). There are only 73 100- and 200-level courses remaining to review: 44 offered in spring term, 26 in winter term, and 3 in summer session. Council members will be divided into two groups, and each group will review a packet of approximately 12 syllabi for each of the next three council meetings. Karen distributed the first packet, containing spring term syllabi, to council members for review before the next meeting. Survey sheets should be completed and sent through campus mail by February 16 to Donna Schimmer. The results of this round will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

Deborah Baumgold distributed a proposal for a major in Medieval Studies. Deborah will contact Wendy Larson to invite a representative of the Medieval Studies faculty to the meeting on February 19. Council members are asked to review the proposal for discussion at the next meeting on February 19, from 12:00-1:30 in Johnson Hall Conference Room.