

Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee
April 6, 2022 meeting minutes
11-12 on Zoom

Attending: Tom Brumm (chair), Mark Hargrove, Sree Nilakanta, Jenni Keitges, Cris Schwartz, Amber Tiarks, Kimberly Zarecor, Jonathan Fox (notes)

Guest: Soma Chaudhuri (Computer Science)

1. Call to Order – 11:00 am

2. Agenda approved

3. Minutes for March 23, 2022 approved

4. Unfinished Business

a. Working with the Academic Standards Committee proposal to remove stand-alone credit requirements and set minimums of 300 and above course requirements. Proposed changes reflected in the file “Academic Standards – Majors and Minors 2022-01-22.pdf.” Next step is to review existing minors and see how change would impact requirements. Each college needs to assess impact on programs.

b. Reviewed multiple definitions of secondary major. Schwartz moved, Hargrove second to approve the following definition “A secondary is a major that can only be earned in conjunction with a primary major. A secondary major appears on the academic transcript.” Passed 6-0.

5. New Business:

a. Soma Chaudhuri presented proposal for BA in Computer Science. Extensive discussion of potential overlap with data science and difference between the BA and BS. Noted that the BA appears intended mainly as a secondary major. Concern expressed over difference in credit requirements and the BA being perceived as the easier way to a computer science degree. Request that the BA in Computer Science be presented within a full four-year degree plan, outlining the role of free electives. Suggested addition of the four-year plan and revised proposal to be distributed for additional consideration and potential electronic vote by the FSCC.

6. Adjourn 12:03

7. Next meeting April 20, 2022, 11 a.m. on Zoom