

Minutes for CSS Undergraduate Committee meeting

October 7, 2005 Attending: Tenenberg, Chinn, Crum, Nelson, Mobus, Bichindaritz, Lyon-Banks

1. Tenenberg will record "minutes light": just the decisions made at each meeting.
2. The Undergraduate Committee recommends the following for full faculty consideration.
 - A course will be designated with a "TCSS" prefix when either
 - i. it is a core course in a CSS major, or
 - ii. the course has a TCSS course somewhere on its pre-requisite list.
 - Each current TCSS course that does not satisfy the above definition will be reviewed by the chair of the undergraduate committee and the faculty member(s) teaching the course to determine if the course should either have a TCSS course added as a pre-req or if the course should be changed to a TINST designation.
 - Up to 5 credits of TINST 400-level courses other than 498 and 499 can be used to satisfy the CSS concentration electives.
 - No CSS major will get credit for any of 310, 311, 312, or 307. As new TINST courses get added, this list will be updated. The philosophy behind this rule is that students should not get credit for a TINST course when there exists a TCSS version of the same material.
3. The Undergraduate committee recommends that 325 be designated "writing intensive".
4. Tenenberg will send Skip Walter comments from the undergraduate committee on his new course proposal syllabus: Designing Software Products. Walter will be here to give a public talk at the end of the term, and on or near that date, if approved by the CSS voting faculty, Tenenberg will set up a meeting so that he can be interviewed by the CSS faculty. The committee was supportive to offering this course for our students, and believes that it is best offered the first time as a Special Topics undergraduate course. The committee believes that Walter's previous industry and teaching experience qualify him to teach an undergraduate course at the Institute. Tenenberg will disseminate the next draft of Walter's syllabus to the full faculty for approval pending undergraduate approval (which will be attempted by email), along with Walter's accompanying CV and teaching/course philosophy statements.
5. The reading course proposal by Aaron Ritchey, advised by Marty Stepp was approved without condition.
6. The remaining meetings for the balance of the quarter will be every other week, Wednesday, 12:45 - 1:45pm. The dates are: Oct 12, 26, Nov 9, 23, Dec. 7. Meeting rooms TBA and broadcast by Tenenberg.