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## Minutes, CSS Undergrad Committee, Mar 2, 2012

8:45a-10:15 CP 206C. Attending: Alden, Chinn, Fowler, Friedman, Jeffrey, Mayer, Sheng, Tenenberg, Zimmerman, Harris, Goda

- Bryan Goda was introduced and welcomed to the faculty.
- Minutes from the meeting of [Jan 6, 2012](#) were approved.
- The status of the [TCSS elective model syllabi](#) were discussed. Committee members committed to completing these for discussion at the next CSS undergraduate meeting.
- The committee passed the following proposal for Admissions into the CSS major, to take effect autumn 2012.

### General:

- \* Fulfillment of General University Requirements.
- \* Cumulative GPA of at least a 2.0 in all college course work
- \* Cumulative GPA of at least a 2.5 in all college math, science, and computer science courses

### Math:

- \* Pre-calculus

### Programming:

- \* CS0 or TCSS 142

### Plus:

- \* add Statistics (TMATH 110 or 390) as pre-req for TCSS 322.

- Tenenberg asked if there was any objection to his requesting of the Director that a CS0 course be scheduled for next year. There was no objection, but there was the question about whether this would be a new course or replace an existing course (such as TINST 100 or TINST 310)? Tenenberg stated that he would work with Fowler and the ITS committee, and would return to the CSS committee with a proposal.
- We discussed what kind of policy made sense for vetting syllabi for TCSS 490 Special Topics courses, in terms of how far in advance of when the course is offered, and when do we require conversion of a 490 to a regular course? Related to this was the issue of what pre-req's are allowable for 400-level courses (including 490's)? One of the important distinctions that we developed is between 490's offered as a one-off, and 490's offered as a trial one, with the idea that, if all goes well, they will be developed as a permanent course with a catalog number. Another distinction we made is between 490's that are scheduled more than one quarter in advance, and those that are not (e.g. to respond to changes in personnel or a burning interest by a faculty member). Issues that have arisen in the past are 1) 490's that have had no faculty input or oversight for the syllabus, and 2) pre-req's that are not known with enough advance notice so that students can plan to take them, or that are too stringent for there to many students who qualify to take the course. No policy decisions were made, and we will return to this issue next meeting.