

September 2, 2016 Memo to Faculty Senate

Dear Senators,

I'm writing to you for consideration of placing a curriculum item (curriculum proposals for 3 new majors: BA in Physics, BAS in Technology, and BAS in Managing Business and Organizations) on the docket at the head of the order for your first meeting of Faculty Senate on September 12, 2016. I'm making this request due to the time constraints involved with getting Board of Regents (BOR) approval for new majors by February 2017. Several changes have been made in the approval processes by the BOR Office that need to follow internal university approvals that add to a tight timeline. As you all may know, we have an annual curriculum cycle vs. the 2-year cycle we have had previously which leads me to request an earlier review by the Faculty Senate than the usual October date if we want to offer the new programs in the following year (i.e Fall 2017).

For new programs, paperwork needs to be submitted to the Iowa Board of Regents Office and the ICCPHSE (Iowa Coordinating Council for Post-High School Education) before it can come before the Council of Provosts (COPS) meeting. There will be a COPS meeting on October 19-20 – I'm trying to get the new programs listed on the agenda for that meeting so that it can go to the BOR's Academic and Student Affairs Committee (ASAC). It then has to go before the entire BOR for approval by (preferably before) February 2017. This makes the UCC timeline very tight for us to get everything done with enough time for the approval process from these entities. UCC did meet on August 24th to review the three programs. After a thorough and thoughtful review, the three proposals were approved pending specific recommendations.

To facilitate your review of these proposals before the September 12 Faculty Senate meeting, you are receiving the following documents:

1. Summary of the curriculum proposals with instructions for accessing Leepfrog program.
2. Minutes from the UCC (Undergraduate Curriculum committee) meeting held on 8/24/16 where these curriculum proposals were discussed. We wanted to ask if the Faculty Senate could discuss all new programs and their associated courses at your first meeting in September (Sept 12).

Thank you for your patience and consideration,

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Chair, UCC Committee