CSM Senate Agenda

Monday, 17 September 2012

1. Introduction of new Senate members.
2. Election of Senate Chair for AY 2012-13.
3. Approval of Senate Meeting Schedule (Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 10).
4. Preliminary Course Approvals
   a. EEOS 601 – change in title, description, and prerequisites. Rationale from instructor: “The major and just about only change in EEOS 601 is making calculus a prerequisite. I’d strongly recommended that students have calculus in the previous course description. I’ve had students from other graduate programs like MIT register for the class, but they had to jump through hoops at their home institutions to get graduate credit because I didn’t have a strict calculus requirement. Now, with the new course description, calculus will be a clear requirement. Calculus was always an important part of the class, and I use a calculus-based text. Here is the new key phrase for the EEOS601 course description: Calculus through integral calculus is a prerequisite.”
   b. EEOS 630 – change in title and description. Rationale from instructor: “For the last 8 years, my online biological oceanographic processes course has been invisible to Google searches, never appearing when I entered the terms ‘biological oceanography online course.’ By changing the title from biological oceanographic processes to Biological Oceanography, the course will be easier to find in Google. Google only seems to index course titles for the UMass Boston online curriculum. I’ve also expanded the course description to more accurately reflect what I teach in the course.”
   c. Intr-D 120 – new course. One credit seminar, title “CSM Freshman Transition”. Intended for use with the FIG success communities.

5. Other Business
6. Adjournment