CSM Senate Meeting

Date: Monday, November 14th, 2016
Time: 2:30pm -
Location: CSM Dean's Office Conference Room

Members in attendance:
Wei Ding, Computer Science, Chair
Ricardo Castano-Bernard, Mathematics
Manickam Sugumaran, Biology
John Ebersole, Biology
Neil Reilly, Chemistry
Rahul Kulkarni, Physics
Ping Chen, Engineering

Members absent:
None

Others in attendance:
Marietta Schwartz, Associate Dean, CSM

Minutes

1. Approval of the October 17, 2016 meeting minutes.

The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Announcements.

No announcements.

3. New business

3a. Revision of requirements for Individual Majors.

Motion: To approve the change in the Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT) major.

Rationale: The BSIT program currently requires students to meet the requirement for two programming courses by taking "either IT 114L and IT 115L, or else CS 110 and an additional programming course chosen from a list." Computer Science (CS) Department proposes to change it to require students to take "any two courses from IT 114L, IT 115L, IT 116, IT 117, CS 108, CS 110, CS 210L CS 240, and MSIS 310."
The same proposed change is being considered by the College of Management. The purpose of the change is to make it clear that the new IT 116, IT 117 sequence can be used for the two course programming requirement in the IT major. Any two courses from a list can be used under the proposal, instead of prescribing whether IT 114L/IT 115L, CS 110/CS 240, and CS 110/MSIS 310 as the only possibilities. This gives the students more flexibility.
CSM Senate has the following comments about this proposal:

Proposed language: The BSIT program currently requires students to meet the requirement for two programming courses by taking "either IT 114L and IT 115L, or else CS 110 and an additional programming course chosen from a list." We propose to change it to require students to take "any two courses from IT114L, IT115L, IT116, IT117, CS108, CS110, CS210L CS240, and MSIS310"

Questions:

- Do they intend to let students take one course each from two different programming languages? In other words, do they truly intend to let students take ANY TWO from that list? Or do they want to still keep them in sequences and have students choose a sequence?
- Do they intend to (for example) let a student take CS 108, which sounds like a warm-up for CS 110 and not really at the same level as the other introductory courses – can a student take CS 108 and IT 116, both of which are intro to Python?
- MSIS 310 has MSIS 110 as a pre/co-req. Should MSIS 110 also be included on the list?

We are also unsure whether the IT program intend to ensure the course sequence such as IT 114L & IT 115L & IT 116 & IT 117 in the revised program.

If they are just modifying the list of options for two-course sequences, this doesn’t have to go to MHSP. If they are really changing the requirement as much as it sounds, then it probably does.

Senate moved to table the item.

4. Other business

No other business.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.