Annual Report, 2009-2010

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Academic year 2009-2010 action priorities as assigned by Committee A:

• maintenance and revision as needed of the policy statement guiding decisions for BAIS program waivers and substitutions
• evaluation of student petitions for waiver or substitution of program requirements and make recommendations to the Director
• maintenance of the undergraduate advising handbook, aligned with the responsibilities of faculty specifically assigned to the BAIS program
• Complete the degree change proposal
• recommend policies and procedures for updating the list of courses for the Major Requirements Categories
• review the courses within each Major Requirement Category for needed additions or removals
• recommend policies and procedures for students to petition to take an Information Studies Core course after the timeframe for a second attempt has expired
• review/update the BAIS Student Manual, especially considering online students as well as traditional students.
• Minor or Certificate?
• Employer survey
• Alumni survey
• Review Internship evaluation forms

Activities:

• Write up the Degree change proposal approved the previous school year
• Wrote up policy and procedure for updated list of course for major requirements – but the flexible course listing put forth in the degree change proposal was not accepted by the Academic Programs Council – so this document is not valid and was not put through to the faculty.
• Review courses for the new Information Technology Major Requirements Category. Courses accepted by the USC are
  • CS 1313 Programming for Nonmajors.
  • GEOG 2453 Introduction to Computer Mapping and Analysis
  • KM 5673 - Knowledge Mgt Tools & Technologies
  • LIS 5990 Database Management (course under revision)
• LIS 5990 Digital Collections
• LIS 5990 Networks and Information Management Systems
• Write policy and procedures documents as well as advising forms and petition document for students to petition to take an Information Studies Core course after the timeframe for a second attempt has expired – accepted by faculty
• Updated the student manual to reflect new policies and procedures

For next year, the committee will suggest the following items be addressed.
• Continue to look for courses for the Information Technology Category
• Review new courses added in the College for use in any Major Requirement category
• Research an Information Studies Minor
• Review any LIS or KM graduate courses that could be slashlisted and used within any Major Requirement category
• Employer survey
• Alumni survey
• Review Internship evaluation forms
• Reconsider placement in the requirements of the LIS 3003 Object-Oriented Programming course
  • Move to the IT electives category which seems a fit, but what would the students lose about the process and language of programming
  • Replace in the BAIS core
    • Project Management (this could focus on programming project management to introduce basics)
    • Information Architecture