

Undergraduate Council Report

Submission by Katherine Ambroziak, Chair

The Undergraduate Council met on September 13, 2016.

Minutes (unapproved) are posted on the Council's webpage.

- Chris Lavan, Experience Learning Director, presented an update regarding the implementation of the Experience Learning R-(research) and S-(service learning) designation courses which will begin their pilot phase this fall. Comments from the Council related primarily to the make-up of the Advisory Groups, which act as sub-committees to the Curriculum Committee and who will be reviewing submissions for compliance with designation requirements. The Council stressed the importance of faculty representation. Operational guidelines are being drafted to clarify this representation.
- Erin Hardin presented an update from the General Education Taskforce, giving a general outline of the proposed changes. A final version of the proposal is expected to be submitted and reviewed in spring 2017.
- Committee reports were heard from the Academic Policy, Advising, Curriculum, and General Education. Actions taken include the approval of updated policy text for the catalog and procedures for phasing out general education courses, approval of curricular consent items and curricular proposals from the College of Communication and Information, and approval of three courses that satisfy general education requirements.