

Academic Affairs Committee Minutes  
October 25, 2016

Present: Karlene Burrell-McRae, Margaret McFadden, Nadia El-Shaarawi, Marta Ameri, Barbara Moore, Fernando Gouvea, Beth Schiller, Sahan Dissanayake, Jacob Adner, Jenner Foster, Jim Scott, Jim Sloat

- I.      Approval of Minutes  
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
  
- II.     Discussion of the revised Computational Biology proposal  
The map through the major provided by Professor Maxwell satisfied the committee's outstanding concerns. After a brief discussion of the resources that the new major would require—none beyond what is currently in process—the committee voted unanimously to approve the proposal and send it to the faculty.
  
- III.    Discussion of the proposal from Economics to change major requirements  
The committee discussed various outstanding questions and the department's responses. On the question of requiring Math 122, the department fears it would risk discouraging students they're trying to draw into the major, and is concerned that it would cause problems of sequencing that could slow progress through the major. Further, students get the multivariate calculus they need in the intermediate theory course. Members of the Mathematics and Statistics department affirmed that this proposal would have no negative effects on their department; they support this change and think a math minor or double major would be best for economics students who desire more mathematics course work. The committee voted unanimously to approve the proposal and send it to the faculty.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 1 in Diamond 146.