

Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Report

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The curriculum committee reviewed 2 proposals and recommend them for approval at the faculty senate.

1. Bachelor of Arts online degree in Cybersecurity (Department of Computer Science)
2. Minor in Intelligence and Security Studies (Department of Political Science and Geography)

1. Bachelor of Arts online degree in Cybersecurity (Approved: 5 Yes, 1 Abstain)

The proposal was to create a new online Bachelor of Arts degree program in Cybersecurity. The need of the program is well justified by the high job market needs and demand for an online program. The program is expected to draw a large enrollment (n=525 in 5 years), and will benefit current students in BS Computer Science by allowing them to take some courses online. The program will also allow applicants to the master's program in computer science to take leveling courses online, which could help increase graduate student enrollment. The program also complements an online BBA in Cybersecurity program that started this fall. The focus of BBA in Cybersecurity is in application of technology, whereas the focus of BA in Cybersecurity is in learning and developing of new technology. Re-design of current courses for the online format and development of 1 new course is fully funded by the Institute for Transformational Learning (ITL).

2. Minor in Intelligence and Security Studies (Approved: 5 Yes, 1 Abstain)

The proposal was to create a new Minor in Intelligence and Security Studies. The minor includes 2 foreign language courses and 4-5 discipline core courses in Intelligence and Security Studies. The program will attract students from BA in Global Affairs, BA in Political Science, Military Science (ROTC), and Cybersecurity, and train them to pursue careers in intelligence and security areas at the NSA, CIA, FBI, DEA, Department of Homeland Security and other government institutions. The program is justified by the expanding employment opportunity in the field. Development of the minor will require 6 new courses, which all involved faculty are on-board with, and hiring of 1 adjunct faculty.