The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Faculty Assembly

Minutes  
October 18, 2017


Absent: Rodica Curtu, Emilie Destruel-Johnson, Tori Forbes, Palle Jorgensen, Philip Kaaret, Jiyeon Kang

Guests: Jennifer Bertrand, Helena Dettmer, Adam Jaschen, Joseph Lang, Alberto Segre

1. The minutes from September 20, 2017, were approved.

2. Professor Joseph Lang, Chair, Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science, presented a proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Data Science, recently approved by the Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee. Professor Alberto Segre, Chair, Department of Computer Science, also was present to answer questions. The proposed major is a technically-oriented intersection of computer science and statistics, and will produce graduates capable of creating the next generation of methods and tools for the fast growing field of data science. After brief discussion, the proposal was approved.

3. Professor Chris Brochu, Chair of the Faculty Assembly, led a discussion regarding the University of Iowa’s 2020 Academic Organization Structure, including review of the Phase I task force report, and planning for attendance at the November 15 Faculty Assembly meeting by members of the Phase II steering committee. A motion was made and adopted to form a subcommittee to review issues related to today’s discussion and provide a response to the Phase I report.

4. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Professor Rachel McLaren, Department of Communication Studies  
Secretary of the Faculty Assembly