Undergraduate Committee  
December 2, 2014  
Minutes  

Present: Xudong An, Andy Baker, Tom Coleman (ABSC student representative), Michelle Dean, Annette Easton, Tita Gray, Gary Grudnitski, Paula Peter  
Absent: David DeBoskey

Removal of MIS 180 Prerequisite
Grudnitski opened discussion on why MIS 180 was added as a prerequisite on some Upper Division courses and why the committee needs to consider removing the prerequisite on some of these courses. The General Business major came online in Fall 2014 to give Transfer Curriculum Model (TMC) students a path to complete their Upper Division coursework in 60 units. TMC students are admitted through the university (not through the college as are other Upper Division business majors) and TMC students are assumed to have met all the perquisites to Upper Division when in fact, they could be short by as many as three Lower Division prerequisites if they made the “wrong” choices based on the TMC model. MIS 180 is one of the courses that TMC students may not have taken at their respective community colleges. This prerequisite was placed on a number of Upper Division courses typically taken in the first semester of Upper Division to flag these students deficient on the prerequisites. Based on Fall 2014 data, most General Business students fulfilled all the prerequisites, which Grudnitski believes was due to the fact that most of our transfer students come from within the area and the local community colleges do a good job of advising their students on the classes that are needed for admission to Upper Division in the College of Business. So the unintended result was an undue burden on faculty to check prerequisites (where most of the students flagged as not meeting prerequisites who were primarily minors and exchange students). Course change proposals will be created in the spring to have the MIS 180 course prerequisite removed from the following courses: ACCTG 326, BA 300, FIN 321, 331, MGT 350, MGT 352, MGT 355, MGT 358, MIS 301, MIS 302, and MKTG 370.

Business Passport Design
The remainder of the meeting was used to discuss a website template created by Grudnitski for the Business Passport program. Many ideas were generated during the meeting which will be incorporated into the design. Once the design has been further refined, the Undergraduate Committee will convene a student focus group for their input. The committee will continue to discuss the Passport at the next Undergraduate Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05. The last Undergraduate Committee meeting of the fall semester will be held on Tuesday, December 16th at 10 a.m. in the Dean’s Conference Room.