

UAC (Undergraduate Academic Council) – Joan Savitt, Chair

At its April meetings, UAC passed 3 bills which are on the agenda for the Senate (admissions for students in International Baccalaureate programs; a new Neurobiology minor; and restrictions on admissions into the Education minor) and approved many curricular changes in existing minors which are listed below. Committee chairs also reported that they reviewed many proposals from students and departments and that some overall shortages in courses meeting general education requirements still exist.

Changes approved

(1) Informatics Minor: these changes involve (a) substituting new courses for the Business ITM classes which were previously required (existing students may use either; effective fall, 2009, only the new requirements may be followed; current students will be advised to follow the new requirements whenever possible.); and (b) adding a number of cognate departments (art, computer science, economics, physics, and women's studies).

(2) BS Chemistry/Polymer Emphasis: temporary deactivation of the degree, effective Fall, 2009. Faculty in this area have retired and have not been replaced, and there are no students currently following this track.

(3) Music Minor: changes to allow for greater flexibility for students, effective Fall, 2009.

(4) Linguistics and Cognitive Science minor: changes to allow for greater flexibility for students, effective Fall, 2009.

Changes under consideration:

(1) The Council is reviewing the Department of Chemistry's proposal for changes to its Honors B.S. program, which it expects to approve before the end of the academic year.