

Interaction Design Bachelor of Arts Degree Committee Notes from Wed March 25, 2015

Members present: Guido Del Piccolo, Frank Dawson, Odemaris Valdivia, Clifton Dobbs, Karen Legg, Estela Narrie, Walt Louie, Howard Stahl

Members absent: Jamie Cavanaugh, Jennifer Merlic, David Shirinyan, Helen LeDonne,

- Discussion around defining Upper Division courses: using Bloom's Taxonomy to develop higher skills. Narrow the focus of the course within the field of study; specialization.
- Rough timeline: students complete a 2 year associate degree and then apply to the program.
- Upper division courses will launch in Fall 2016.
- Create SLO's for upper division courses.
- Refer to the CCBA, Community College Baccaalaureate Association
- Georgia will submit a Substantive Changes report in the fall.
- Research Interaction Design programs at CCA in San Francisco and the Art Center.
- Defining "Interaction Design" – someone who designs for human behavior and optimal user experience
- Rough development of GE pattern: 9 units of upper division GE? 40 units of GE and 40 units of IxD? Consider removing 2 courses of required lower division course work to reduce the AA to 34 units total.
- Lower division courses are required for upper division Javascript which will increase the total number of GE units. Remove this course?
- Guido to find out if there is a 120 unit limit. How many must be upper division? Can all upper division course work be in Design Technology or are related disciplines a requirement?
- Move away from Computer Science emphasis and towards Art? Conflicts may arise with CSUs over duplication issues.
- The Advisory Board strongly recommends a course in project management which SMC is currently offering as a lower division CIS course.
- Suggestions for required upper division courses: Design Research, Project Management, Marketing
- Emphasis on applied knowledge and mapping courses to required job skills and career pathways.
- What do other community colleges require in their ratio of upper division versus lower division course work?