Academic Assembly
Monday, November 13, 2023
2:05 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.
Student Center 130 & Zoom

MINUTES

III. MS in Cybersecurity Proposal   2:25 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.
    Dean Amit Shukla & AcA VP of Curriculum Patrick Murphy

    CSE Dean Amit Shukla joined the Assembly to present the MS in Cybersecurity proposal alongside
    AcA VP for Curriculum Patrick Murphy.

Addendum 1:

AcA representatives voted on the cybersecurity proposal electronically on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

Eight voted to affirm the PRC recommendation, to approve the new program with the stated conditions; five voted against; and four reps abstained. So, the proposal passes by a plurality.

Addendum 2:

At the open AcA meeting on November 6, 2023, an AcA representative asked that a letter about the current crisis in the Middle East—one written/signed by CAS and some COE faculty—be included in the record.

That letter follows, along with the response sent by the Provost and President.

While you might not agree with everything the students have said in their letter, we can and must, in the name of free speech, recognize their powerful call for justice and recognition of how members of our community are suffering. In the current climate, where political polarization, biased media content, antisemitism, and Islamophobia hinder the possibility of dialogue, we, the undersigned faculty and staff, affirm the following principles as foundations of non-violent, compassionate communication regarding the ongoing conflict:

- Israeli and Palestinian lives have equal value.
- Criticizing the policies of the State of Israel towards the Occupied Palestinian

- -determination does not mean condoning

- Using the words Jewish, Israeli, and Zionist as synonymous causes antisemitism.
- Conflating Hamas, ISIS, and al-

faculty and staff; the anguish felt by Palestinian and Arab students, faculty, and staff; the

isolation felt by Jewish students, faculty, and staff; the distress felt by Israeli students, faculty, and staff; and the rekindled intergenerational trauma felt by all populations with roots in the region and ideological and religious connections to Israel and/or Palestine. The administration must also recognize that witnessing the scale of human suffering in Israel and Gaza and the West Bank causes moral angst in all justice-minded members of our campus community.

In his March 27 email to campus, President Peñalver emphasized that statements sometimes feel performative and shared his philosophy on issuing them. However, he recognized that sometimes a statement is necessary, including when
members of our academic community and their ability to carry out their roles and/or functions as

In solidarity and hope,

[signed in alphabetical order]

Vinod Acharya, Department of Philosophy

Carol Adams, College of Education

Robert Aguirre, Department of English

Robert Andolina, International Studies

Byron Au Yong, Interdisciplinary Arts   Arts Leadership

Onur Bakiner, Department of Political Science

Hidy Basta, Department of English

Russell Black, Department of English

Kathryn Bollich-Ziegler, Department of Psychology

Mary Kay Brennan, Department of Social Work

Shelley Carr, Lemieux Library

Sarah Cate, Department of Political Science

Rashmi Chordiya, Institute of Public Service

Serena Chopra, Department of English, Creative Writing Program

Natalie Cisneros, Philosophy and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Mark Cohan, Department of Anthropology and Sociology

Kathleen Cook, Department of Psychology

Lydia Cooper, Department of English

Serena Cosgrove, International Studies Program

Elizabeth Dale, Nonprofit Leadership

Joseph Nicholas DeFilippis, Social Work Department

Eva Dicker, Department of Psychology

Yancy Dominick, Department of Philosophy

Fade R. Eadeh, Department of Psychology

Rob Efird, Department of Anthropology and Sociology

David Fainstein, College of Education

Christina Friedlaender, Department of Philosophy

Paige Gardner, College of Education

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Kimberly Gawlik, Philosophy and Environmental Studies

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Sam Harrell, Department of Social Work

Tanya Hayes, Environmental Studies and Institute of Public Service

Allison Henrich, Department of Mathematics

Randall Horton, Department of Psychology

Benjamin Howe, Matteo Ricci Institute

Pao-Yin Huang, College of Education

Audrey Hudgins, Matteo Ricci Institute and International Studies

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Wai-Shun Hung, Department of Philosophy

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Sonora Jha, Department of Communication and Media

Alexander Johnston, Department of Film & Media

Kate Koppelman, Department of English

David Kwon, Department of Theology and Religious Studies

Beatrice Lawrence, Department of Theology and Religious Studies

Charles Lawrence, Department of Anthropology and Sociology

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Elise Murowchick, Department of Psychology

Felipe Murtinho, International Studies and Institute of Public Service

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Harriet M. Phinney, Department of Anthropology and Sociology

Katherine Raichle, Department of Psychology

Robin Reich, Department of History

Victor Reinking, Modern Languages and Cultures

Matthew Rellihan, Department of Philosophy

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Christina Roberts, Department of English

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Emily Wright, Department of Environmental Studies

Dennis Young, Department of Political Science

Enyu Zhang, International Studies Program

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Kerry Soo Von Esch, College of Education

Mimi Cheng, Department of Biology