

**Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee – Saint Louis University  
UAAC meeting minutes 1/6/22 and UAAC Sub Meeting 1/13/22**

Associate Provost Rob Wood, PhD the UAAC meeting was called to order at 9:09 am.

**Reports/Proposal/Policies from Committee Members:**

**Parks College – Minor Robotics - Kyle Mitchell, Ph.D.**

Engineers and applied scientists continue to play a pivotal role in improving the quality of life for humanity. The proposed minor in Robotics Engineering will prepare graduates to effectively synthesize the ever-changing advances in computers and communications to improve the quality of life for humanity. Robots can span the spectrum of being purely autonomous to being teleoperated. Applications include disaster assessment, space exploration, assistance with surgery, driverless cars, and wastewater treatment, to name a few.

The proposed minor in Robotics Engineering will prepare Saint Louis University graduates to effectively synthesize the ever-changing advances in computers and communications to improve the quality of life for humanity. The Robotics Engineering minor leverages existing expertise within several programs at Saint Louis University to meet a need in SLU's regional and national educational repertoire: 1) Workforce preparation in the interdisciplinary, high-demand area of robotics for local and regional employers, 2) Technical training for students to be leaders in a multi-disciplinary domain, rooted in the Jesuit tradition; and 3) Evolving SLU's curriculum to meet the demands of the day.

**Discussion highlights regarding the Minor in Robotics Engineering were:**

The committee recommended pages 13 and 14 of the Minor in Robotics Engineering to be reworded for clarification purposes. Parks College accepted the recommendation and will update prior to UAAC sub-committee meeting on January 13, 2022.

- 1-13-22 UAAC Sub-Committee unanimously approved Parks College/Minor Robotics Engineering. The new minor will now be presented and placed on the agenda at the next Council of Academic Directors Deans (CADD) and Board of Trustees meeting.



Parks College Minor  
Robotics.pdf

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**On-going discussions regarding Micro-Credential Definitions**

Ongoing discussions regarding Micro-Credential Definitions and below is a revised copy Jay Haugen distributed to the committee. Further conversation will be on-going.



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**On-going items of discussions regarding temporary withdrawal policy:**

The temporary withdrawal policy was discussed in the meeting today. In addition, it was also discussed at UAAC's sub-committee meeting in December and again in January of 2022. The committee questioned if this policy becomes permanent what if, or if any repercussions will come to light. The provost message did signal that the temporary withdrawal policy just might become permanent and if this occurs, will it constitute as an academic policy change? If this occurs, will this need to be addressed at the UAAC committee meetings?

Jay would like to create a version for the next catalog. The registration holds are going to be put back on for Spring, and will only be a temporary inconvenience, and will eventually be corrected. Jay stated, "he will convey this message to the students and these approved changes will be processed within a day".

The committee discussed and questioned the number of W's criteria for probation, and if we can make that permanent.

This question, and further questions will be tabled and addressed again in future UAAC meetings.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, UAAC and January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, UAAC Sub-Committee approvals.

**Announcements:** Next UAAC Meeting will be on February 3rd, 2022.