

Questions about Interdisciplinary Studies (for Faculty Senate 02.27.18)

1. The proposal says:

The IDS course prefix will be created, but there is further discussion about where the IDS courses will be housed, what the chain of command for running the courses are, etc.

And it also says:

Faculty and facilities needed (For Dean review only)

Yes. Additional FTE and classroom space will be required to support a capstone seminar course series. Associate Provost Monahan is working with Provost Schek on a model in which some capstone FTE is built into a chair/coordinator's release, and some FTE is covered using overloads or credit banking pay outs.

Questions: This seems to indicate we are creating an IDS chair/coordinator; where is that housed? What is the chain of command? Which dean is in charge? Annual report and assessment oversight?

2. Is this a new course prefix? There are no catalog IDS courses. Shouldn't the structure come before the course proposal?

C4447 IDS 499 Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone Portfolio New

C4448 IDS 498 Interdisciplinary Studies Integrative Project New

3. What is the difference between director/chair? Between board/committee? Are these intentional distinctions or just labeled inconsistently? If meant to be different, it would be helpful to explain the differences.
4. Why isn't BA/BS IDS and AB Liberal Studies not following same structure as other programs?