The primary responsibilities of Undergraduate Council (UGC) include promoting excellence in undergraduate education at UIS by reviewing, evaluating and facilitating development of academic standards for undergraduate programs; and by reviewing, evaluating and facilitating the development of present and proposed undergraduate curricula. The UGC achieves this in various ways.

**Program Reviews:** The UGC is responsible for meeting with department chairs and the deans of programs that are under review and recommending programs to the Campus Senate for continuation or flagging programs. This year the UGC reviewed and approved the Mathematical Sciences and Clinical Laboratory Science programs.

**New program approval:** The UGC approved the environmental concentrations in Biology and Chemistry, a minor in Public Health, and a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies

**New Curricula** The UGC discussed the possibility of offering undergraduate certificates at UIS. As a result of this discussion a survey regarding the feasibility of undergraduate certificates was developed and distributed to department chairs across campus. The UGC has not completed the data analysis of this survey yet.

After extensive discussions the UGC approved changes to the General Education curriculum which will result in the implementation of a Freshman Seminar.

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