Minutes Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee April 13, 2017

<u>Members in Attendance</u>: C. Boyd, D. Barbeau, C. Matlock (for E. Blessing), G. Barker, J. Haugen, J. Burwinkel, J. Langan, K. Thatcher, M. Higgins, M. Allen, M. Sabick, N. Westhus, R. Cole, and R. Wood

Guests in Attendance: A. Bart

Call to Order: Rob Wood called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

<u>Approval of Minutes from the March 9, 2017 Meeting</u>: Minutes from the March 9, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

Proposal for Accelerated Pathways:

Anneke Bart addressed the group regarding an addition to the Accelerated Pathways program. They are adding Accelerated Pathways (1-semester Pathways) in Computer Science, Mathematics and Statistics, General Studies, Science, and Engineering.

Minor Curriculum Change Biomedical Engineering:

Michelle Sabick talked about changing three courses in their Biomedical Engineering curriculum. It would reduce the credit requirement for the degree from 128 down to 124. It involves removing a requirement for Biology 2 which is a 4 credit class. The other two course are substitutions. Currently the students are required to take the thermodynamics that is taught in the physics department rather than the more mechanical engineering version of thermodynamics.

They have historically noticed that when their students go to Madrid and take the engineering version of thermodynamics they seem to do better in subsequent engineering courses