

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE
PROPOSED ACTION ITEM
FEBRUARY 2020

Executive Summary in one paragraph

The Faculty Educational Policies committee vetted, discussed, and approved the proposed Bioinformatic minor from the Biology Department. The minor is 25 credits and includes selected courses at lower and upper levels in Biology and Computer Science. The Faculty Council vetted and discussed the committee's proposal and agreed that the minor is doable and will add value to Lincoln University students as well as enhance the Biology Program's attractiveness. A more detailed account of the benefits of the minor to students can be found in the committee's report in the Faculty Portal.

Exact Wording of the Proposed Motion

The Committee moves that the Bioinformatics Minor be approved by the Lincoln University Faculty.

Who the proposal will affect and how

- 1) All eligible students that declare the minor will be impacted.
- 2) All faculty that advise students that choose the minor will have to become familiar with the minors requirements.
- 3) The Biology and Computer Science departments will have to plan to facilitate the course needs of the students that enroll in the minor.
- 4) The registrar will have to add the specifics of the minor to the catalog and the software that handles student program evaluations.

Summary of Proposal's Critical Issues

There were no critical concerns from the Educational Policies Committee nor the Faculty Council.

Affirmation of majority approval of the submitting body

Chair Signature: *Palm Joseph* Faculty Council Chair: *W. Zizwe Poe*
Submitting Committee: *Ed Policies* Date: 2/24/2020
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