

Undergraduate Research Advisory Committee
Faculty Meeting Report
September 18, 2019

URAC has met once since the start of the academic year.

The committee set the agenda for the upcoming fall. It will prioritize disseminating information on post baccalaureate opportunities and making changes to elements of the John Wesley Powell undergraduate research conference, including a new logo design and reviewing the nominating process for keynote speakers.

Since the first URAC meeting, the chair of URAC met with the chair of Curriculum Council (CC) to discuss Signature Experience (SE) and how to advance a common understanding of SE at IWU. URAC has shared with CC some key documents, including the draft of a [common understanding of SE at IWU](#) that was first shared with faculty at the Dec. 3, 2018 faculty meeting (see below). Please note that the paragraph below was written with students in mind.

URAC is happy to assist CC in their SE work as the council moves forward with this work.

Signature Experience at Illinois Wesleyan University is an aspirational project that showcases the achievements of which you are most proud. Your SE may draw on your coursework, extracurriculars, campus involvement, community service, internships, athletics, and leadership, integrating skills, knowledge, and character gained through each experience. Your Signature Experience, designed by you with a mentor, begins with a question, an idea, or an observation that you want to delve into and explore. How you do so is up to you, with approval from your academic advisor - your Signature Experience can take different forms depending on your interests and goals. What unifies Signature Experience for all students is a focused effort resulting in a significant final product to share with the campus community and a reflective component that asks you to articulate how your project was shaped by your life at IWU. Each Signature Experience is as unique as each IWU student.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Nadeau, chair URAC