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|  | **Present** | **Excused** | **Absent** | **Alternate** |
| Ronald Elsenbaumer | x |  |  |  |
| Amy Austin | x |  |  |  |
| Jody Bailey \*\* | x |  |  |  |
| Barbara Becker |  |  | x |  |
| Khosrow Behbehani | x |  |  |  |
| Bradley Bell |  |  | x |  |
| Yvonne Butler | x |  |  |  |
| C. Y. Choi | x |  |  |  |
| Lynn Cope | x |  |  |  |
| Rachel Croson | x |  |  |  |
| Venkat Devarajan |  |  | x |  |
| Dana Dunn | x | x |  | Bob Kunivich |
| James Epperson |  | x |  |  |
| Sergio Espinosa | x |  |  |  |
| Norma Figueroa |  |  | x |  |
| Cecilia Flores | x |  |  |  |
| Donald Gatzke | x |  |  |  |
| Jeanne Gerlach | x | x |  | John Smith |
| Laura Gough | x |  |  |  |
| Jennifer Gray | x |  |  |  |
| Grace Hao for Salil Sarkar | x |  |  |  |
| Jongyun Heo | x |  |  |  |
| Loan K. Ho \*\* | x |  |  |  |
| Holly Hungerford-Kresser | x |  |  |  |
| Dean of the Graduate School \*\* |  |  | x |  |
| Pamela Jansma | x |  |  |  |
| Richard Jimmerson \*\* |  |  | x |  |
| Qing Lin | x |  |  |  |
| Dee Mackey | x |  |  |  |
| Varun Mallipaddi | x |  |  |  |
| Albert Marichal |  |  | x |  |
| Gladys Maryol | x |  |  |  |
| Steve Mattingly \*\* | x |  |  |  |
| Janet Melton | x |  |  |  |
| Karl Petruso \*\* | x |  |  |  |
| Ericka Robinson | x |  |  |  |
| Jaime Rogers | x |  |  |  |
| Scott Ryan |  |  | x |  |
| Brent Sasley | x |  |  |  |
| Barbara Shipman | x |  |  |  |
| Antoinette Sol \*\* | x |  |  |  |
| Chunke Su | x | x |  | Andrew Clark |
| Amy Tigner | x |  |  |  |
| Jingguo Wang | x |  |  |  |
| Larry Watson | x |  |  |  |
| James Welch | x |  |  |  |
| Jim Williams | x |  |  |  |
| Judy Wilson | x |  |  |  |
| Beth Wright | x |  |  |  |
| Gergely Zaruba | x | x |  | Lynn Peterson |
| Jie (Jennifer) Zhang |  | x |  |  |

Meeting called to order at 2:20 p.m. for the April 1st Undergraduate Assembly.

**Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the regular meeting on February 25, 2014, were approved as published.

**Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Kim Van Noort**

The following items were distributed to the Undergraduate Assembly as approved by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. These are the minor changes and deletions that were approved.

**AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED BY THE**

**COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULA**

**APRIL 1, 2014**

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

Department of Accounting

**Course Change**

ACCT 4133, Professionalism in Accounting to ACCT 3133, Course Number Change

**Course Delete**

ACCT 3304

ACCT 4301

ACCT 4311

ACCT 4321

ACCT 4380

Department of Information Systems and Operations Management

**Course Change**

BSTAT 3321 Business Statistics I – Prerequisite Change

INSY (Change CIP code to STEM): INSY 2303, INSY 3300, INSY 3304, INSY 3305, INSY 3309, INSY 3323, INSY 3330, INSY 4191, INSY 4291, INSY 4305, INSY 4310, INSY 4312, INSY 4315, INSY 4325, INSY 4331 INSY 4393, INSY 4391

OPMA (Change CIP code to STEM): OPMA 3306, OPMA 3308, OPMA 3310, OPMA 4191, OPMA 4291, OPMA 4301, OPMA 4302, OPMA 4307, OPMA 4309, OPMA 4391, OPMA 4393, OPMA 4331

**Delete Course**

INSY 4308 Applied Software Development

Department of Management

**Course Change**

MANA 4326, Diversity in Organizations - Prerequisite Change

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

Department of Bioengineering

**Course Change**

BE 3310, BE 3320, BE 3323, BE 3325, BE 3327, BE 3344, BE3346, BE 3352, BE 3380, BE 4325, BE 4329, BE 4330, BE 4331, BE 4333, BE 4337, BE 4345, BE 4366, BE 4382 – Prerequisite Changes

**Delete Course**

BE 3664 – TISSUE ENGINEERING

Department of Civil Engineering

**Course Change**

CE 1105, CE 2311, CE 3261, CE 3301, CE 3302 – Prerequisite Changes

CE 1252, CE 3131, CE 3143, CE 3161, CE 3305, CE 3310, CE 4330, CE 4358 – Prerequisite Changes

**Delete Course**

CE 2210 – Particle Dynamics

Department of Electrical Engineering

**Course Change**

EE 4340 – Prerequisite Changes

**Delete Course**

EE 1205 – Course Deletion (replaced by 1105 and 1106)

College of Engineering

**Course Change**

ENGR 4391 – Introduction to Unmanned Vehicle Systems - Changed title and description references from AVS to UVS

Department of Industrial & Mfg. Systems Engineering

**Catalog Change**

Update Catalog Text for Core Change

Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

**Course Change**

MAE 4287, MAE 4301, MAE 4344, MAE 4350, MAE 4351 – Prerequisite Changes

MAE 2212, MAE 3304 – Change in course attributes

MAE 4357, 4358 – prerequisite change/add C or better

**Delete Course**

MAE 1350 – Delete Course (replaced by 1351)

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**

Department of Art and Art History

**Course Change**

ART 3356 - Web Typography - Course title change/description rewritten

ART 4320 - Beyond Photo - Allow 1 Repeat

ART 4347 - Publication Design - Update Prerequisites

ART 4348 - Info Visualization - Title Change, description rewritten, new prerequisite

ART 4366 - Web Design - New prerequisite, rewrite description

Department of Communication

**Course Change**

COMS 1301 - change TCCN number

JOUR 4393 - increase number of completions; change prerequisite

Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology

**Course Change**

CRCJ 4342 - changed from 3 hours lecture to 2 hours lecture, 1 hour lab

Department of Modern Languages

**Course Change**

GERM 3310 - Localization and Translation I - Prerequisite of GERM 2314 with a grade of B or better now required

KORE 1441 - Beginning Korean I - Number I added to the course title

KORE 1442 - Beginning Korean II - Description similar to other languages

KORE 2313 - Intermediate Korean I - Number I added to the course title

KORE 2314 - Intermediate Korean II - Description similar to other languages

KORE 3303 - Korean Conversation I - Number I added to the course title

KORE 3304 - Korean Conversation II - Description similar to other languages

KORE 3310 - Korean Translation and Localization I - Number I added to course title

KORE 3310 - Korean Translation and Localization I - Number I added to course title

SPAN 3314 - Advanced Spanish Grammar - This course is intended for non-native speakers only

Department of Music

**Course Change**

MUSI 3392 - Composition I - change in course description

MUSI 3393 - Composition II - change in course description

Department of Philosophy

**Course Change**

PHIL 2311 - Change course description

PHIL 2312 - Change course description

Department of Theatre Arts

**Course Change**

THEA 3301 - Scene Design I - Prerequisite change

THEA 4343 - Costume Design - Deleting prerequisite.

**COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**Course Change**

NURS 3237-001 - In-Seat Independent Study - request to allow multiple enrollments

NURS-IS 3237-600 - Off-campus Independent Study - request to allow multiple enrollments

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**

**Course Change**

SCIE 1101, 1102 – Step changed to STEP

SCIE 4107, 4610 – Student Teaching GPA requirement changed per TEC

Department of Biology

**Course Change**

BIOL 1333 - Introduction to Biology I - hours change

BIOL 1334 - Introduction to Biology II - hours change

BIOL 1442 - Structure and Function of Organisms - prerequisite added

BIOL 4308 - Genome Analysis (previously Genome Structure and Dynamics) - title and description change

BIOL 4309 - Neuropharmacology - prerequisite listings

**Delete Course**

BIOL 1433 -INTRODUCTION TO BIOLOGY I

BIOL 1434 - INTRODUCTION TO BIOLOGY II

BIOL 1450 - COMPUTER LITERACY IN BIOLOGY

BIOL 3329 - BEHAVIORAL ENDOCRINOLOGY

BIOL 3330 - DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY

BIOL 3341 – ENTOMOLOGY

BIOL 3351 - PROBABILITY AND RANDOM PROCESSES IN BIOLOGY

BIOL 4301 - INTRODUCTION TO NEUROSCIENCE

BIOL 4313 - MOLECULAR GENETICS

BIOL 4325 - DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOBIOLOGY

BIOL 4330 - EVOLUTION OF DEVELOPMENT

BIOL 4346 - TECHNIQUES IN MICROBIAL AND MOLECULAR GENETICS

Department of Chemistry

**Course Change**

CHEM 1442 - General Chemistry II - prerequisites description

Department of Earth and Environmental Science

**Course Change**

GEOL 1135 - GEOLOGICAL LABORATORY - Prerequisite language

GEOL 1136 - GEOLOGICAL LABORATORY II - Prerequisite language

GEOL 1137 - GEOLOGICAL LABORATORY III - Prerequisite language

GEOL 2445 - MINERALOGY - MATH added to prerequisite.

GEOL 3100 - GEOSCIENCE PROFESSIONAL ORIENTATION - Prerequisite and transcript title

GEOL 3316 - ASTROBIOLOGY - Prerequisites change

GEOL 3340 - GEOLOGY FOR ENGINEERS - Prerequisite change

GEOL 3387 - FIELD GEOLOGY I – prerequisite change

GEOL 3388 - FIELD GEOLOGY II - Prerequisite change

GEOL 3441 - PALEONTOLOGY - Prerequisite change

GEOL 3442 - SEDIMENTOLOGY AND STRATIGRAPHY - Prerequisite change

GEOL 3443 - STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY - Prerequisite change

GEOL 4189 - RESEARCH IN GEOLOGY - Course details adjusted, including prerequisite and description

GEOL 4190 - GEOSCIENCE INTERNSHIP - Course details adjusted

GEOL 4289 - RESEARCH IN GEOLOGY - Course description adjusted

GEOL 4301 - MARINE GEOLOGY & GEOCHEMISTY – prerequisite changed

GEOL 4304 - SOLID EARTH GEOMECHANICS - Prerequisites added

GEOL 4305 - SELECTED TOPICS IN GEOLOGY - Course details adjusted, including added prerequisite

GEOL 4307 - SEQUENCE STRATIGRAPHY – Prerequisite changed

GEOL 4309 - INTRODUCTION TO GEOPHYSICS - prerequisite change

GEOL 4320 - HYDROGEOLOGY - prerequisite change

GEOL 4322 - CONTAMINANT HYDROGEOLOGY - prerequisite change

GEOL 4325 - PALEOCLIMATE & CLIMATE CHANGE - Prerequisite adjusted

GEOL 4330 - UNDERSTANDING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS - Transcript title

GEOL 4334 - GEOGRAPHIC DATA ANALYSIS - prerequisite change

GEOL 4342 - MICROFOSSILS & THE CORRELATION OF SEDIMENTARY ROCKS - Prerequisite changed

GEOL 4346 - BASIN ANALYSIS - Prerequisite changed

GEOL 4350 - STABLE ISOTOPE GEOCHEMISTRY – Prerequisite changed

GEOL 4353 - VOLCANOLOGY - Lecture contact hours adjusted

GEOL 4393 - HONORS THESIS/SENIOR PROJECT - Course details adjusted

GEOL 4402 - COMPUTER MODELING IN EARTH SCIENCE - Prerequisite adjusted

GEOL 4443 - SEDIMENTARY SYSTEMS (previously SEDIMENTOLOGY) – Prerequisite and course description changes

GEOL 4465 - PHYSICAL OCEANOGRAPHY - Prerequisite adjusted

**Delete Course**

GEOL 4408 - ENV GEOCHM/PHY

Department of Physics

**Course Change**

ASTR 1345 - INTRODUCTORY ASTRONOMY I - ASTR 1345 was previously ASTR 1445. Course number/hours adjusted to meet new core requirements

ASTR 1346 - INTRODUCTORY ASTRONOMY II - ASTR 1346 was previously ASTR 1446. Course number/hours changed to meet new core requirements

PHYS 1444, 2311, 2321, 3313, 3341, 3342, 3445, 3455, 4117, 4281 – slight prerequisite change

PHYS 1181 - PROBLEMS IN MECHANICS - Slight alteration of course description based on course change

PHYS 1182 - PROBLEMS IN ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM - Slight change in course description due to course change

PHYS 1188 - SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN GENERAL PHYSICS - Slight change in course description due to course change

PHYS 1288 - SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN GENERAL PHYSICS - Slight change in course description due to course change

PHYS 1301 - PHYSICS FOR NON SPECIALISTS I - PHYS 1301 was previously PHYS 1401. Course number/hours changed to meet new core requirements

PHYS 1302 - PHYSICS FOR NON SPECIALISTS II - PHYS 1302 was previously PHYS 1402. Course number/hours changed to meet new core requirements

PHYS 3316 - ASTROBIOLOGY - Change in prerequisite language

PHYS 4181 - SPECIAL PROBLEMS - Course description changed slightly

PHYS 4191 - SPECIAL TOPICS IN PHYSICS – Prerequisite changed and course description adjusted

PHYS 4291 - SPECIAL TOPICS - Prerequisite changed and course description adjusted

PHYS 4391 - SPECIAL TOPICS - Prerequisite changed and course description adjusted

**Delete Course**

ASTR 1445 - INTRODUCTORY ASTRONOMY I

ASTR 1446 - INTRODUCTORY ASTRONOMY II

PHYS 1313 - MECH & HEAT

PHYS 1400 - INTRODUCTION TO MUSICAL ACOUSTICS

PHYS 1401 - PHYSICS FOR NON-SPECIALISTS I

PHYS 1402 - PHYSICS FOR NON-SPECIALISTS II

PHYS 1445 - INTRODUCTORY ASTRONOMY I

PHYS 1446 - INTRODUCTORY ASTRONOMY II

PHYS 2441 - MAGN&ELEC

PHYS 2442 - SO LT&MOD PHYS

Department of Psychology

**Course Change**

PSYC 3231 - PSYCHOLOGY COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING - Grading Change

PSYC 3331 - PSYCHOLOGY COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING - Grading Change

PSYC 4309 - NEUROPHARMACOLOGY - Setting the requirements the same as BIOL 4309

**SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE**

Architecture Program

**Course Change**

ARCH 1101 - Academic Success Skills in Architecture - correct course description to change from recommended to required

Department of Interior Design

**Course Change**

INTD 1101 -Academic Success Skills in Architecture - correct course description to change from recommended requiring.

**SCHOOL OF URBAN AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Department of Interdisciplinary Studies

**Catalog Changes**

Complete catalog rewrite

**Delete Course**

INTS 4196 - Independent Study

INTS 4296 - Independent Study

We need to look at the next three-page document for consideration by the Undergraduate Assembly.

We have a few degree changes, and a lot of new courses added. The document listed below is the amended document after considerable discussion within the Undergraduate Assembly.

**AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULA**

**FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE UNDERGRADUATE ASSEMBLY**

**APRIL 1, 2014**

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

**Add Course**

BHNR 4393 Business Honors Internship

Department of Accounting

**Catalog Change**

Accounting Fast Track program

Department of Finance and Real Estate

**Add Course**

FINA 2330 - Money, Finance, and the Modern Consumer

Department of Information Systems and Operations Management

**Catalog Change**

Catalog Change (INSY/OPMA) - Change to the OPMA BBA concentration

**Add Course**

OPMA 4304 Introduction to Management Sciences

OPMA 4314 Services Operations

Department of Marketing

**Add Course**

MARK 4335 - Multicultural Marketing

MARK 4320 - Product and Brand Strategy

MARK 4310 - Mobile Marketing and Technologies

**Course Change**

Prerequisite Change (MARK) – require students to earn a grade of C or better in any marketing course identified as a prerequisite

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

Department of Bioengineering

**Catalog Change**

Change in the number of credit hours for degree; change in GPA transition to professional program **(tabled)**

**Add Course**

BE 3301- Cell Physiology for Bioengineers

BE 3367- Cell Culture and Drug Delivery Laboratory

BE 4300 - Special Topics in Bioengineering

BE 4324 - Biomedical Optics Laboratory

BE 4326 - Tissue Ultrasound-Optical Imaging

BE4334 – Intro to Nano and Biopolymer Materials

BE 4368- Introduction to Tissue Engineering and Drug Delivery

Department of Civil Engineering

**Catalog Change**

Removal of concentrations and new core requirements

**Add Course**

CE 2221 – DYNAMICS; Replacement for CE 2210 to include rigid bodies

CE 3311 – CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING; for Construction engineering program

CE 4326 – GIS/HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC MODELING; Water resources course to be offered as

a technical elective

Department of Computer Science & Engineering

**Catalog Change**

Update Catalog Text for 'C' or better in courses prerequisite to others

**Add Course**

CSE 1312 - Mathematical Introduction to Computers & Programming

CSE 4378 - Introduction to Unmanned Vehicle Systems

CSE 4379 - Unmanned Vehicle Systems Development

Department of Electrical Engineering

**Add Course**

EE 1105 – ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING FRESHMAN SEMINAR

EE 1106 – ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING FRESHMAN PRACTICUM

EE 4378 - Introduction to Unmanned Vehicle Systems

EE 4379 - Unmanned Vehicle Systems Development

College of Engineering

**Catalog Change**

Certificates, combining graduate and undergrad overview

**Add Course**

ENGR 2300 – Introduction to Sustainable Engineering; for minor

ENGR 4392 – UNMANNED VEHICLE SYSTEMS DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION; New course for UVS

ENGR 4395 – Sustainable Engineering Design Project

Department of Industrial & Mfg. Systems Engineering

**Add Course**

IE 4378 - Introduction to Unmanned Vehicle Systems

IE 4379 - Unmanned Vehicle Systems Development

Department of Material Science Engineering

**Add Course**

MSE 4343 – Nan biotechnology

MSE 4353 - Fundamentals of Sustainable Energy

MSE 4354 - Solid State Electronic Devices

MSE 4355 - Materials for Energy

MSE 4359 - Failure Analysis and Reliability Engineering

Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

**Catalog Change**

Change in GPA for transition to the professional program (tabled)

Change text for new Core, C or better in all classes, 2.5 to enter professional program (approved by Academic Standards Committee), UVS Certificate

**Add Course**

MAE 4378 – INTRODUCTION TO UNMANNED VEHICLE SYSTEMS

MAE 4379 – UNMANNED VEHICLE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**

Department of Art and Art History

**Add Course**

ART 3387 - Directed Screenings

ART 3390 - History of Graphic Design

Department of Communication

**Catalog Change**

Change requirement for COMM intended GPA 2.0 to declare a major; 2.25 after 18 hours

Department of Modern Languages

**Catalog Change**

Creation of a new certificate in Spanish Interpreting and a new B.A. in Spanish Translation and Interpreting

Department of Music

**Add Course**

MUSI 3104 - Vocal Coaching

Department of Philosophy and Humanities

**Add Course**

PHIL 2315 - new course

Department of Sociology and Anthropology

**Add Course**

ANTH 3351 – Archaeology of the American Southwest

SOCI 4195 - Service Learning Independent Study - variable credit

SOCI 4295 - Service Learning Independent Study - variable credit

SOCI 4395 - Service Learning Independent Study - variable credit

Department of Theatre Arts

**Catalog Change**

Major Catalog Changes and addition of BFA Musical Theatre Sub-plan

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**

**Add Course**

SCIE 1243 – Step 1 & 2 Combined (UTeach)

Department of Chemistry

**Add Course**

CHEM 1345 - Chemistry in the World Around Us I

CHEM 1346 - Chemistry in the World Around Us II

Department of Physics

**Add Course**

PHYS 4327 - INTRODUCTION TO QUANTUM MECHANICS II

**SCHOOL OF URBAN AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Department of Interdisciplinary Studies

**Catalog Changes**

Complete degree rewrite

**We have a new catalog coming online so everyone is in the process of editing their catalog texts. The new catalog is under a new area called “Course Leap” and if you type in the following: nextcatalog.uta.edu you can see the new catalog in production. Only major corrections are being made to this online catalog. We are going to go through each College to discuss the changes.**

**College of Business has a new course**

Business Honors Internship

**Department of Accounting has a new course**

Accounting Fast Track program

This is where students can shorten their time in getting a Master’s degree, where they can take a specific combination of courses after being accepted into the program.

**Department of Finance & Real Estate has a new course**

Money, Finance, and the Modern Consumer

**Department of Information Systems & Operations Management**

Catalog change to the OPMA BBA concentration.

Two new courses added to OPMA:

Introduction to Management Sciences

Services Operations

**Department of Marketing**

Three new courses added:

Multicultural Marketing

Product and Brand Strategy

Mobile Marketing and Technologies

There has also been a prerequisite change for these courses across the board. This requires students to earn a grade of “C” or better in any marketing course identified as a prerequisite.

**College of Engineering**

**Department of Bioengineering**

The Department of Bioengineering had a rather major change. They have requested to increase the number of credit hours for their degree from 120 to 127. This has been approved by the Undergraduate

Curriculum Committee after looking at a proposal. This will be sent to the Provost Office and then to the coordinating board for approval. You are not allowed to increase your hours without special permissions. The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee looked at the justification very carefully and compared it to the other Engineering programs in the State of Texas, as well as to the engineering programs here on campus. It was clear that they needed the additional seven hours of training. Most engineering courses are between 124 and 130 hours.

They have asked to table the second change in the GPA requirement for transition to the professional program. This went to the Academic Standards Committee and was approved. But word was received prior to the meeting from the Associate Dean of Engineering that they would like to hold for re-consideration possibly next year.

Bioengineering also added several new courses. As their program grows they are adding mostly to upper-division courses.

**Department of Civil Engineering**

Removal of concentrations and new core requirements, these are idea areas in civil engineering rather than actual degree options. They then added new core requirements for the core curriculum.

Three new courses were added:

Dynamics

Construction Engineering

GIS/Hydrologic and Hydraulic Modeling

**Department of Computer Science Engineering**

There was a catalog text change for “C” or better in courses prerequisite to others.

Three new courses were added:

Mathematical Introduction to Computers & Programming

Introduction to Unmanned Vehicle Systems

This course was highlighted in red because until yesterday we weren’t sure if this was going to be a 3000 or 4000 level course. We approved it as either pending the recommendation of the College of Engineering. We received word that this will be a 4000 level course.

Unmanned Vehicle Development

There is a certificate being posted in the College of Engineering for unmanned vehicle systems, so many of the departments will be under Electrical Engineering adding those two courses and also under IE and MAE they are adding courses under core certificate.

**Department of Electrical Engineering**

They are adding two freshman-level courses:

Electrical Engineering Freshman Seminar

Electrical Engineering Freshman Practicum

These are one-hour courses; they are NOT first year seminars or first year experience classes. These are something quite different.

The College of Engineering is adding language about the certificates, including the unmanned vehicle systems certificate, and housing descriptions.

They are also adding three new courses:

Introduction to sustainable Engineering for a potential minor they will be working on

Unmanned Vehicle Systems & Construction

Sustainable Engineering Design Project

These are all current certificate programs.

**Department of Industrial & Mfg. Systems Engineering**

The Unmanned Vehicle Systems courses will also appear in Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

**Department of Material Science Engineering**

They have added several new courses in Material Science Engineering.

Nano biotechnology

Fundamentals of Sustainable Energy

Solid State Electronic Devices

Materials for Energy

Failure Analysis and Reliability Engineering

**Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering**

They are asking to table the change in the GPA requirement for transition to the professional program. This will be until further notice.

Change text for new core: “C” or better in all classes, 2.5 or better to enter the professional program (Approved by the Academic Standards Committee).

Two new courses added:

Introduction to Unmanned Vehicles Systems

Unmanned Vehicle System Development

**College of Liberal Arts**

Department of Art & Art History added two new courses:

Directed Screenings

History of Graphic Design

**Department of Communication**

Catalog change – requirement for COMM intended: GPA 2.0 to declare the major; 2.25 after 18 hours.

(Approved by the Academic Standards Committee)

**Department of Modern Languages**

They have created a new certificate in Spanish Interpreting and a new B.A. in Spanish Translation and

Interpreting very much like the Traditional Spanish B.A. with a core, but with a core of classes devoted to translation and interpretation in different types of settings (the medical setting, legal setting, . . . require different types of translation skills). If approved it will go forward to the Provost for his approval.

**Department of Music**

A new course has been added:

Vocal coaching

**Department of Philosophy & Humanities**

A new course in Philosophy: This is a topics course at the 2000 level to offer topics to entice majors.

**Department of Sociology & Anthropology**

Archaeology of the American Southwest has been added

Three new courses in Service Learning Independent Study

Course 4193 should be 4195.

This is the new pilot in Sociology for stand-alone service learning.

**Department of Theatre Arts**

Major catalog changes and addition of the Bachelor of Fine Arts Theatre sub-plan.

This is not a new degree; it is simply a new option in there Bachelor of Fine Arts, a joint collaboration with the Department of Music.

**College of Science**

One course added to the UTeach program which will give the students the option to take two required courses together at the same time instead of taking them in two separate durations.

**Department of Chemistry**

Adding two new courses:

Chemistry in the World Around Us I

Chemistry in the World Around US II

These are chemistry courses for non-STEM majors for the new core.

**Department of Physics**

Adding one new course:

Introduction to Quantum Mechanics II

**School of Urban & Public Affairs**

**Department of Interdisciplinary Studies**

They have completely re-engineered the Interdisciplinary Studies degree so that students have some core focus classes that they must take. This will tighten up a lot how students can build their degrees. Students will then be asked to identify minors at the University or possible certificate programs that are already certified by the departments to build a cohesive unit of classes rather than just putting a few classes together. This is a meaningful convolution of classes. This will be approved through the program of Interdisciplinary Studies. They have also added a capstone project which will give them a better assessment further on; this is not a substitute degree change because there is no change in hours, so we will not need special approval.

Question: Does the new philosophy course have a name yet?

Yes, Topics in Contemporary Philosophy

Question: For SUPA, how does this affect the students already in the courses?

It does not affect the students in the classes at present as it will not go into effect until Fall 2014.

It is my understanding that students can select to jump forward to a new catalog. If someone is in their second or third year in interdisciplinary studies and they really feel that this new program is better, they can jump forward. That would mean they would have to abide by the rules of the new catalog.

Suggestion made: For the Electrical Engineering courses did you say those were a replacement for the 1000-level classes?

They are not a replacement for the first year experience classes. They are very specifically professional in nature and don’t contain the general introduction to college and study skills.

The Provost put forward: Are there any other questions on what has been presented? If not, do we have a motion to approve? Seconded, all in favor, motion is approved.

**Academic Standards Committee**  **Michael Ward**

There were four proposals reviewed that were approved by the Academic Standards Committee.

They were submitted as part of the agenda to review prior to the Undergraduate Assembly meeting.

They are as follows:

Department of Communication (two changes)

College of Engineering, proposal on Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering majors

College of Engineering, proposal on Bioengineering Program

Department of English, proposal on English majors

It was decided by the College of Engineering prior to the Undergraduate Assembly meeting to table the two College of Engineering proposals for further discussion, possibly next year.

The two proposals in the Department of Communication and the Department of English will be put forward for discussion and a vote today by the Undergraduate Assembly.

**Department of Communications**

Two changes: A minimum GPA of 2.0 for students seeking admission to the Department of communications as COMM intended. Also, students admitted as COMM intended must obtain a 2.25 GPA after 18 hours in the department or be dismissed from the department.

**Department of English**

We are requesting approval to increase the minimum GPA for the English major from 2.0 to 2.5. The department has recently revised the major to require a concentration consisting of 12 hours of upper level courses focused in a particular area, such as multicultural and comparative literature. Since this major is designed to appeal to students with interests in research rather than just the desire for a degree, it seemed like a good time to review the admittance and retention policies. The department voted in May 2013 to raise the minimum GPA to 2.5.

Question/Suggestion proposed

I would urge the Academic Standards Committee to take into consideration how many students will be affected by raising the GPA. With students who do not meet the newly enforced GPA, do we want to see them become part of the University Studies program?

The Provost’s suggestion was to consider how many students the past three or four years have graduated with majors in English that fall between 2.0 and 2.25, or were admitted to the program with a GPA 2.0 and 2.25 but yet successfully completed and graduated. There could be quite a few students.

I believe the College of Engineering has done a similar analysis and that’s one of the reasons they have tabled their two proposals at this time. They found there were a lot of students affected by the GPA increase. I think this is something that needs to be looked at very closely.

Also is it our intent to increase the population in University Studies that we want graduating from this institution. I throw this out there for your consideration.

Another issue we would like to address: What consequences does this have for other departments to follow suit with raising their GPA’s as well?

Question proposed

Raising the GPA’s might make the students work harder. My only concern is that this might affect the way professors teach the course in order to keep students in the class with a passing grade. If the faculty know that if they give a “C” the student will not be able to declare the major, they might be tempted to inflate the grading.

Question/Suggestion

The Provost had a concern about the consequence this will have on the four and six year graduation rates. It might affect students with a 2.35 in English; they might be forced to take courses over again several times in order to get a “B”. Another consequence for you to consider.

Suggestion

In the College of Liberal Arts, Art and Art History, in order to diminish the unintended consequence, there are different GPA requirements for the Studio Art degree and a BFA in art. They felt the BFA was more professional with higher expectations and the studio generalist degree could accept students working with a lower grade point average, and still satisfy the degree within the department. This is a good idea that we might want to internalize within the college, that the Dean would initialize the consequences.

The Provost Presented

Do we want to move forward or do we want to request that there be some modifications? I move to consider these two proposals. I agree with Michael Ward that we do want to look at the prior proposals overall. This is the first time the issue has been raised. We will have the committee take an overall look at the proposals and issues put forth. My overall motion is to consider these two proposals for a vote.

The motion has been seconded; All in favor? Abstentions? (we have 5 abstentions on proposal 1 and 4). The motion has been approved.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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