The University of Texas at Arlington
Undergraduate Assembly
Minutes

The Undergraduate Assembly met in regular session on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at 2:15 p.m. in the UC Rio Grande. Provost Don Bobbitt presided.

Attendance.

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Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the regular meeting on March 2, 2010, were approved as published.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. Kimberly van Noort presented the following items approved by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. No action by the Undergraduate Assembly was necessary.

AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULA SPRING, 2010

APRIL 13, 2010

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Department of Accounting
Course Change
ACCT 3315;4301;4302;4304;4311;4318;4325;4332;4333;4393 - add requirement/accounting majors
ACCT 4321 - Research in Accounting Issues - add requirement/accounting majors; add description statement taking course in graduating semester

Department of Economics
Course Change
ECON 3306 - Economics of Sports - title & course description change

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Department of Curriculum & Instruction
Course Change
EDUC 1130 - Foundations of Leadership - prefix change/EDUC to EDAD

Department of Kinesiology
Course Change
KINE 2420;3325 - title change
KINE 4315 - Fitness Measurements - title & description changes
Delete Course
KINE 2120 - Introduction to Athletic Training Lab - course combined w/KINE 2420 - name change
KINE 2320 - Introduction to Athletic Training Lab - course combined w/KINE 2420; name change

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
Delete Course
ENGR 4191;4291 - replacing w/3 hr course

Department of Civil Engineering
Course Change
CE 3309;4321;4330;4350;4358;4383 - prerequisite change -
CE 2210;2311;2313;3341;4325;4347;4348;4360;4361;4363; 4365;4369 - description change
CE 4324;4351; 4354; 4355;4368 - description & prerequisite changes
Delete Course
CE 4333 - Infrastructure Environmental Permitting - remove course

Department of Computer Science & Engineering
Course Change
CSE 1310 - Introduction to Computers & Programming - credit hrs & course description changes
CSE 1311;1320 - course description change
CSE 1325;4323 - name & description change
CSE 3320;3442 - prerequisite change
Delete Course
CSE 3305 - Event-Driven Programming using Java - no longer taught
Department of Electrical Engineering

**Course Change**
EE 1105 - Introduction to Electrical Engineering - contact hours, co-requisite course number; & course description - changed
EE 2181;2307;2315; 2320;2440;3317;3444 - minimum grade/C; co-requisite course number - changed
EE 2303 - Minimum grade/C; prerequisite change
EE 2347;3308 - minimum grade/C; course description/ changed
EE 2446;3411 - minimum grade-C; prerequisite & course number change/3446 & 2341
EE 3302 - Fundamentals of Power Systems - minimum grade/C; 2hr lab/added; prerequisite course number change/3346
EE 3310 - MicroProcessors - minimum grade/C; 2hr lab/added
EE 4314 - Control Systems - 2hr lab/added; course description change

Department of Industrial & Mfg. Syst. Engineering

**Course Change**
IE 3301; 4344 - prerequisite change
IE 3314; 4349 - course description change

Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

**Course Change**
MAE 1105;1312;2312;2314;2323;2360;2381;3181;3182;3242; 3303;3304;3309;3310;3311;3314;3315;3316;3318;3330;3344; 3360; 3405; 4313; 4314;4320;4338;4348;4352 - prerequisite change/add C or better
MAE 1350;2315;4310;4321;4322;4327 - course description/changes
MAE 3183 - course & title change
MAE 3319; 4315;4339 - remove prerequisite
MAE 3324;4342; 4345;4350;4351 - verbiage changes
MAE 4307 - Finite Element methods - add prerequisite
MAE 4323 - Energy Conversion - correct prerequisite
MAE 4336 - Adv Mech Behavior of Materials - correct prerequisite

**Delete Course**
MAE 3317 - Linear Systems - remove course

Department of Materials Science & Engineering

**Course Change**
MSE - 3300 - Materials Science - verbiage changes

Program of Nuclear Engineering

**Course Change**
NE 3301;4302 - add lab to course

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**

Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice

**Course Change**
CRCJ 2350 - Introduction to Law Enforcement - currently elective/change to CRCJ core curriculum
CRCJ 3336 - Police Management & Administration - change to elective/not all students-police officers
CRCJ 3385 - Women & Crime - delete prerequisite - approved
CRCJ 4340 - Forensic Death Investigation - delete prerequisite/allow Biol majors into course

**Delete Course**
CRCJ 1317;4300;4331;4350;4360 - courses not taught in ten years
CRCJ 3380 - Race, Crime, Justice - course number changed/3382
CRCJ 4310 - Advanced Legal & Technical Writing - course number changed/3310; moved from elective to core course

Department of English

**Course Change**
ENGL 0300 - Developmental Reading Comprehension & Writing Instruction - new title and description

**Delete Course**
ENGL 0301 - Developmental ESL Comprehension & Writing Instruction - essentially same class as 0300

Department of Linguistics & TESOL

**Course Change**
LING 3311 - Introduction to Linguistics Science: Descriptive Linguistics - removing prerequisites & slight description change

Department of Philosophy & Humanities

**Course Change**
PHIL 3324 - Topics in Applied Ethics - course taught as stand alone/instead of Topics course
Department of Political Science

Course Change
POLS 4391 - Archer Program Internship - course number change/increase in hours from (3-0) to (6-0)

Department of Theatre Arts

Course Change
THEA 1307 - Acting I: Improvisation & Performance - course title change & advisor permission/added
THEA 3301 - Scene Design I - course change from (3-0) to (2-4) lab

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Edward Morton presented the College of Science material:

Course Change
SCIE 1101;1102 - course description changes

Department of Biology

Course Change
BIOL 1282 - Introduction to Biology Laboratory - 2 hr credit lab (1-2)/change to (0-3) contact hours
BIOL 3445 - Methods to Microbiology - course restructured

Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry

Course Change
CHEM 1441; 4461 - prerequisite changes
CHEM 1446 - Chemistry II For Non-Science Majors - typo errors

Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences

Course Change
GEOL 2406 - Natural Resources - title & description change
GEOL 4189;4289;4334 - prerequisite changes
Delete Course
GEOL 1391;1420 - no longer taught

Department of Mathematics

Course Change
MATH 1426 - Calculus I - Add/C or better-MATH 1421; course description change - 4 hrs from 5 hrs

Department of Psychology

Course Change
PSYC 3301; 3314 - course description/change
PSYC 3322 - Brain & Behavior course description & prerequisite/changes
PSYC 3420;4344;4356 - course number & prerequisite/changes
Delete Course
PSYC 2351;3431;3433 - no longer taught
PSYC 4305 - no longer taught/renamed 3303

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Course Change
ARCH 1301;1341;2304;2551;2552;3323;3324;3331;3337;3343; 3553; 3554; 4305;4306;4308;4309 ;4310;4311;4314;4315; 4316; 4317;4318;4320; 4321; 4325; 4326;4329;4330;4343;4344;4346;4347;4348; 4349; 4353;4395 - prerequisite & course description changes
ARCH 2303;4556;4557;4591 - course description changes
Delete Course
ARCH 1241 - replaced by ARCH 1341
Course Change
INTD 3305;3321;3322;3323;3329;3343;3345;3553;3555;4395 - prerequisite & course description changes
INTD 4195;4332;4345;4368;4369;4562;4563;4591;4595 - course description changes

Dr. Van Noort then presented the following items approved by the committee for consideration by the Undergraduate Assembly. All items were approved as presented.
April 13, 2010

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**  
Department of Accounting  
Catalog Text Change  
Accounting - minor changes

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**  
Catalog Text Change  
Under/Grad Catalog - update

Department of Kinesiology  
Add Course  
EXSA 0106 - Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu  
KINE 4188 - Clinical Health Professions Internship  
Catalog Text Change  
BS in Kinesiology - update U/G catalog w/proposed changes; minor in sports medicine

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**  
Add Course  
ENGR 1204 - Engineering First Year Seminar  
ENGR 4391 - Autonomous Vehicle System Development

Department of Bioengineering  
Catalog Text Change  
BS in Bioengineering - faculty & room number updated

Department of Civil Engineering  
Catalog Text Change  
BS in Civil Engineering - updating

Department of Computer Science & Engineering  
Catalog Text Change  
BS in Computer Science Engineering - catalog updated

Department of Electrical Engineering  
Add Course  
EE 4102 - Engineering Entrepreneurship  
Catalog Text Change  
BS in Electrical Engineering - verbiage & faculty/updated

Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering  
Add Course  
MAE 2000 - Undergraduate Research  
MAE 3000 - Undergraduate Research  
MAE 4000 - Undergraduate Research

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**  
Department of Art & Art History  
Add Course  
ART 1300 - Art Essentials

Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice  
Add Course  
CRCJ 3310 - Advanced Legal & Technical Writing  
CRCJ 3382 - Race, Crime, & Justice  
Catalog Text Change  
BA in Criminology & Criminal Justice - SOCI 1311/moved from core to Univ core; on-line BA-same GPA requirements as BA-CRCJ (2.5 or higher & grades of C or better in major Courses); on-line course inventory/updated to reflect on telecampus website

Department of English  
Catalog Text Change  
Minor in Creative Writing - requirement being deleted- Senior Reading - course difficult to manage/waived often
Department of Linguistics & TESOL
Catalog Text Change
BA in Linguistics - requirements added; U/G certificate-Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages-add; verbiage & faculty listings-update

Department of Music
Add Course
MUSI 4128 - Advanced Audio Recording
MUSI 4327 - Film Composition Technology

Department of Philosophy & Humanities
Add Course
PHIL 3340 - Topics in Applied Ethics
PHIL 4380 - Phenomenology
PHIL 4381 - Theories of Interpretation
PHIL 4191 - Conference Course
PHIL 4291 - Conference Course

Department of Theatre Arts
Add Course
THEA 2337 - Improvisation

Center for Mexican American Studies
Catalog Text Change
Minor in Mexican American Studies - change minor for 1 required course, 1 core course, and 4 electives; MAS 4370 Capstone course/no longer offered

COLLEGE OF NURSING
Add Course
NURS 3261 - Nursing of Older Adults
NURS 3300 - Cooperative Nursing Ed
NURS 3481 - Mental Health Nursing
NURS 4300 - Cooperative Nursing Ed

Catalog Text Change
BS in Nursing - policies & verbiage/updated

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
Department of Biology
Add Course
BIOL 4345 - Microbial Physiology

Catalog Text Change
BS in Biology - minor requirements/changed; remove pass/fail option; remove courses no long offered; ADD CRCJ 4340 as elective; BS/Microbiology-change core courses; BIOL/MBA program-course change

Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry
Catalog Text Change
BS in Chemistry & Biochemistry - correcting degree plan hours; dropping courses; updating faculty; change hrs from 128 to 120

Department of Psychology
Add Course
PSYC 4410 - Advanced Topics in Development Psychology
PSYC 4411 - Advanced Topics in Personality
PSYC 4412 - Advanced Topics in Social Psychology
PSYC 4421 - Advanced Topics in Neuroscience
PSYC 4430 - Advanced Topics in Clinical & Counseling
PSYC 4431 - Advanced Topics in Cognitive Science
PSYC 4432 - Advanced Topics in Health

Catalog Text Change
BA & BS in Psychology - new minor; change hrs/BA 44 to 33, BS 48 to 36

SCHOOL OF URBAN & PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Add Course
ESST 2300 - Intro Env Sust Studies
URPA 4305 - Fnd of Env Protect & Sustain

Catalog Text Change
Proposal for Revisions to the Core Curriculum.  David Silva presented the following Proposal for Revisions to the Core Curriculum from the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

**Core Curriculum Review**
Report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Proposal for Revisions to the Core Curriculum

The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee has carefully considered several proposals for urgently needed revisions to the core curriculum and now presents its unanimous recommendation to the Undergraduate Assembly and to the Provost. Each member of the committee solicited feedback several times from their respective units. Input was also solicited from department and program chairs, as well as from the Office of Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness, the Office of Records, and the Office of the Provost. This proposal is comprised of two parts, the first addressing alignment of our core components with those of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and the second addressing the integration of the proposed First-Year Seminar into the core curriculum.

Aligning our Core Components – Proposed Adjustments

1. Limit core to 1000 and 2000-level courses

Rationale: In keeping with the spirit of the core curriculum as providing a foundation of core knowledge, which better positions students to succeed in upper-division courses, core courses should be uniformly general in scope and introductory in nature. The committee recognizes that this may result in loss of upper-division SCHs in some areas, but feels that the attendant opportunity to develop new lower-division courses and/or to revisit the level and content of existing courses will provide balance. In addition, the new First Year Experience seminars will generate additional semester credit hours.

2. Replace the “Social and Cultural Studies” component with “Social and Behavioral Sciences.”

Rationale: This change will align our core with the components prescribed by the THECB.

3. Allow students to fulfill the lab science requirement with two different sciences (as opposed to the 8 hours in a single lab science).

Rationale: Gaining experience in two different sciences responds to the spirit of the core as a broad and general educational experience. Those programs that place a high value on the deepening of the analytical skills, which typically happens in a second course in the same science, will have the freedom to designate such a requirement as part of their major.

4. Replace the “Literature” component with a more general “Humanities” component.

Rationale: This change will align our core with the components prescribed by the THECB and provide students with options in other humanities disciplines.
Integration of the First-Year Seminar

As part of a University-wide effort to improve student academic achievement, retention, and degree-completion, several units on campus have successfully piloted First-Year Seminars (FYS), with other units planning to begin offering new sections of an FYS in Fall 2010. Based upon a thorough review of results of such seminars both on campus and at aspirational peer institutions, the Curriculum Committee recommends that the FYS be integrated into the core curriculum at UT Arlington. The committee recommends that the FYS become one of the two “local options” available to our core and that the second option be either an additional 3-hours of Mathematics/Quantitative Analysis OR 3 hours in a Liberal Arts elective at the 1000 or 2000 level. The choice of the second option will be the purview of individual programs.

Please see the attached table for a schematic overview of the proposed changes.
**Working Draft of Possible Core Curriculum Revisions (March 30, 2010)**

**Possible Revised Core Curriculum as Better Aligned with THECB Component Areas / Includes Revising Names for the “UT Arlington Components”**

**Comparison of Coordinating Board Requirements, Current UT Arlington Requirements, and Proposed Revisions**

Note the incorporation of “Liberal Arts” and “Literature” into a new “Humanities” Component, which also absorbs “Cultural Studies”; replacements of “Social/Cultural Studies” with “Social/Behavioral Studies,” which can include appropriate courses in psychology (previously on part of the Core), anthropology, sociology, social work, etc.

**Comparison of Coordinating Board Requirements, Current UT Arlington Requirements, and Proposed Revisions**

- **THECB Component Area**
- **Req’d SChs**
- **UT Arlington Component**
- **Hrs**
- **Courses**
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- **Courses**
- **NOTES**
- *(added since the 2/2/2010 meeting)*

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<td>We would allow students to meet this requirement using two different lab sciences.</td>
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<td>040: Other Humanities</td>
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**Subtotal** | 36 | 41 | 38 |

**Local Option 1**

| Local Option 1 | 3 | Liberal Arts (Coded 090) | 3 | Three hours above the freshman level of literature, or social & cultural studies designated as taught in the College of Liberal Arts, or fine arts or philosophy, or technical writing. | First Year Seminar (Coded TBA) 3 | Any course designated as part of the University's FYS Program | Students with fewer than 30 credits would be advised into an appropriate FYS. Students with over 30 hours can fulfill the FYS requirement as follows:
1) If a student has fulfilled local option 2 with Math, then the FYS substitution must be 3 hours of Liberal Arts
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**Local Option 2**

| Local Option 2 | 3 | Math (Coded 020) | - | (Math, indicated above) | Liberal Arts (090) or Math (020) 3 | Three hours of literature, or social & cultural studies designated as taught in the College of Liberal Arts, or fine arts or philosophy, or technical writing -OR- Three hours of a course in mathematics |

**Total Hours** | 42 | 44 | 44 |
The Undergraduate Assembly considered each recommendation separately. Sections 1, 2, and 4 were approved unanimously. Section 3 was approved with one opposition.

During discussion of the Integration of the First-Year Seminar, a motion was made to change the second option to “either an additional 3 hours of Mathematics, Science or Engineering OR 3 hours in a Liberal Arts elective at the 1000 or 2000 level.” After additional discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Instead a motion was approved to table and return the Integration of the First-Year Seminar to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee to explore the feasibility of changing the second option to 3 hours of Environmental/Sustainability courses. Dr. Silva said that as long as it was approved and sent to the Coordinating Board by January, then the new requirement would be effective beginning Fall 2011.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Michael K. Moore
Secretary

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