The University of Texas at Arlington
Undergraduate Assembly
Minutes

The Undergraduate Assembly met in regular session on Tuesday, November 2, 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 September 28, 2010, were approved with attendance corrections.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. The following items were distributed to the Undergraduate Assembly as approved by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. No action by the Undergraduate Assembly was necessary.

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

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HEALTH PROFESSIONS
Department of Curriculum & Instruction
Course Change
ECED 4312 - Science/Health Early & Elem Ed - prerequisite changes - 0 hrs to 18; 12 hrs of co-requisites
ECED 4313 - Arts in Elementary Education - prerequisite changes - 0 hrs to 6; 6 hrs of co-requisites

Department of Kinesiology
Course Change
EXSA 0169 - Advanced Pilates - Grad'g Basis change - minus I; add P, W & pass/fail option
EXSA 0175 - Body Sculpting/Core Strength - Grad'g Basis change - minus I; add P, W & pass/fail option

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
Department of History
Course Change
GEOG 1302 - Intro to Human Geography
Delete Course
HIST 3330 - The Age of Reform in United States History, 1900-1920 - new course reconfigured from 2 old courses/HIST 3330 & 3328

Department of Modern Language
Course Change
GERM 4317 - German translation - prerequisite change
GERM 4334 - The Culture of Business - course description change/updated course contents
GERM 4335 - Business German - course description change/updated course contents

RUSS 4334 - The Cultures of Business - course description change/content updated
RUSS 4335 - Business Russian - course description change/content updated

Department of Philosophy & Humanities
Course Change
LATN 4335 - Topics in Latin Literature - course description change/repeated for credit

PHIL 2311 - Logic - prerequisite added
PHIL 3307 - Seminar In Res Meth & Philosophical Writing - prerequisite added

Department of Theatre Arts
Course Change
THEA 1101 - Theatre Arts Symposium - course description change; pass/fail option
THEA 1303 - Performance Fundamentals I: Voice - course title change/new courses in vocal performance
THEA 3300 - Directing I - prerequisite delete/THEA 2352; covered in other prerequisite courses
THEA 3320 - Playwriting - course description change/ take course - repeatable
THEA 3340 - Movement Perf I: Fundamentals - course title change/make room for new courses
THEA 3346 - Stage Combat - course description change/reflect course being taught

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**
Department of Biology
**Course Change**
BIOL 4150 - Seminar in Mathematical Biology -"UTTER" Program/repeat 4 times – instead of 2 times

Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences
**Course Change**
GEOL 1135 - Geological Laboratory - change course component to lab
GEOL 1136 - Geological Laboratory II - change course component to lab
GEOL 1137 - Geological Laboratory III - change course component to lab

Department of Mathematics
**Course Change**
MATH 4150 - Seminar in Math Biology - correction from original entry-change is "Repeat for Credit-Allowed"

**SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE**
Department of Architecture
**Course Change**
ARCH 2304 - History of Architecture & Design II - prerequisite changes
ARCH 3324 - Structures I - prerequisite change/ Arch majors-only
ARCH 4311 - Architectural Theory - change reflects-special topics course
ARCH 4315 - Architectural History Topics - course description change
ARCH 4329 - Computers & Design - change reflects-special topics course
ARCH 4348 - Architectural Photography I - name & course description changes

**Delete Course**
ARCH 1242 - Design Communication II - no longer offered

Department of Interior Design
**Course Change**
INTD 3305 - History of Interior Design - course description change
INTD 3321 - Interior Materials I - course description change
INTD 3322 - Interior Material II - course description change -
INTD 3343 - Int Design Communications III - course title change
INTD 3345 - Intr Design Communication IV - course title change
INTD 4195 - Selected Topic in Interior Design - add verbiage to course description change
INTD 4345 - Architectural Graphics - course description change; INTD majors- only
INTD 4395 - Selected Topic in Interior Design - prerequisite changes
INTD 4595 - Selected Topic in Interior Design - add verbiage to course description change

The following items were presented for consideration by the Undergraduate Assembly. All items were approved.

**AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULA FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE UNDERGRADUATE ASSEMBLY**

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**
Department of Bioengineering
**Catalog Text Change**
Changes in faculty listings; room changes

Department of Civil Engineering
**Catalog Text Change**
Changes in faculty listings; room changes
**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**

**Department of History**

*Add Course*

HIST 3345 - U. S. Immigration History

**Department of Philosophy & Humanities**

*Catalog Text Change*

BA in Philosophy & Humanities - replacing PSYC courses/no longer offered

**Department of Sociology & Anthropology**

*Add Course*

SOCI 3348 - The Sociology of Risk
SOCI 4309 - Writing for Social Sciences

**Department of Theatre Arts**

*Add Course*

THEA 3311 - Vocal Performance II: Dialects
THEA 4311 - Vocal Performance III: Shakespeare and Verse
THEA 4340 - Movement Performance III: Phys Theatre
THEA 4352 - Dramaturgy

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**

**Department of Biology**

*Add Course*

BIOL 3131 - Service Learning
BIOL 3231 - Service Learning
BIOL 3331 - Service Learning
BIOL 4329 - Neural Engineering
BIOL 4332 - Polymers in Biomedical Engineering
BIOL 4333 - Nanobiomaterials
BIOL 4365 - Tissue Engineering Lab

**Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences**

*Catalog Text Change*

BS Program - New program; change formatting, new minors

**College of Science**

*Catalog Text Change*

College of Science - delete and add courses; revisions; & text change

**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**

*Catalog Text Change*

Bachelor of Social Work - admission requm't change - GPA 2.0 to 2.5; delete and add courses; add prerequisites; course description changes

**Other Business.** Remarks by Provost Bobbitt.

As you know as part of our retention efforts, Michael Moore assumed the position and responsibilities to effectively manage our retention efforts on the freshman level. Thanks to the good work of the faculty, deans and their staff across the university we have realized some benefits from retention.

Typically the past couple of years, we have hovered around 63-65% of our first time full-time freshmen returning as sophomores. This past year the numbers look like they are going to be 72-73% so it’s a very dramatic increase in just one year. As you know the state cut our budget 5%. If we retain students that would otherwise be lost to us, we retain their tuition dollars and state funding that goes with their presence here on campus.

I think we grow ourselves by serving our students better. There haven’t been any dramatic changes in terms of staffing; our hard plans have been pretty robust the last year or two and that’s a testament to effective budgeting but also to the fact that we’ve gone in the last couple of years from around 25,000 students to over 30,000 students. This is an important mission of the university.
It also has ties to our Tier I agenda. Recently the Coordinating Board has come out with some new rules. Before we can get a new Ph.D. program on this campus, our undergraduate graduation rate has to meet or exceed the state average. We’re there. There are no impediments other than budgetary concerns for us moving forward with new innovative programs. Our undergraduate initiatives have heaped benefits on the institution in more ways than we can see on the surface.

**Announcement** by Michael Moore. The deadline to submit proposals to teach a freshman seminar is Nov. 15th. They should be sent to Chris Conway who is serving as a teaching fellow in University College.

**Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Michael K. Moore  
Secretary

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