

## DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

May 9, 2005

- I. COMMENTS** —None.
- II. MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT** — None.
- III. MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS COMPLETED.**
- D 3946-3950 Report of the Memorial Resolution Committee for Leonard John Rode, Jr.  
D 3957 Report of the Memorial Resolution Committee for Oscar G. Mink.
- IV. CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL** — None.
- V. STATUS OF LEGISLATION APPROVED BY THE FACULTY COUNCIL OR THE GENERAL FACULTY.**
- A. ITEMS COMPLETED SINCE THE LAST REPORT.**
- D 3845 **Resolution Regarding the Jackson School of Geosciences.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 11, 2005. On March 11, 2005, the Council endorsed the resolution by count of hands, 22 to 6. Transmitted to the president on April 12, 2005.
- B. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS** — None.
- C. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD.**
- D 1140-1142 **Proposal to Create a Bachelor of Science Degree in Interdisciplinary Mathematics and Science, Option I: Middle Grades Teaching in the College of Natural Sciences Chapter of *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2000-2002*.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on February 21, 2001. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on March 9, 2001. Transmitted to the president through the provost on March 12, 2001. Transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on June 11, 2001. Approved by the executive vice chancellor and transmitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on November 30, 2001. Disapproved on December 18, 2001, by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board because it did not meet Coordinating Board requirements. Notice of non-approval was received in the Office of the General Faculty on January 15, 2003. A copy of the letter with reasons for disapproval is on file in the Office of the General Faculty. On February 10, 2003, notice was received from the College of Natural Sciences that the Coordinating Board was reconsidering its disapproval. On the Coordinating Board's Web site, the proposal is listed as pending  
<<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/uhri/proposals/search.cfm>>.
- Combined with D 2517-2519 and re-titled B.S. Interdisciplinary Mathematics and Science, Option I, Middle Grades Teaching in Computer Mathematics and Sciences. Re-transmitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on August 9, 2004.

D 2517-2519      **Proposed Changes in the Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Science.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on a no-protest basis on May 7, 2003. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on May 16, 2003. Transmitted to the provost on May 20, 2003. Combined with D 1140-1142 and re-titled B.S. Interdisciplinary Mathematics and Science, Option II, Secondary School Teaching in Computer Sciences and Mathematics. Transmitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on August 9, 2004.

D. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR.

D 3276-3277      **Resolution on the Legislative Requirement.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on April 4, 2004. Approved by Faculty Council on May 10, 2004. Transmitted to the provost on May 12, 2004. See D 2826 for background information. Approved by the president and transmitted to Chancellor Mark G. Yudof on June 3, 2004.

E. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

D 77-81      **Changes in Policies Concerning Grades Awarded with Credit by Examination.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on October 29, 1999. Approved by the Faculty Council on November 15, 1999. Transmitted to the president on November 16, 1999. Comment by the provost on November 10, 2000: "The Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost continues to explore various options. A final decision has not yet been reached." In a letter dated October 12, 2001, President Faulkner made the following comments:

"A close reading of our current credit by examination policies, as well as the proposal, raises several concerns.

"In supporting the removal of letter grades earned in credit by examination from the UT Austin grade-point average, the proposal itself comments that credit by examination does not reflect a student's performance in coursework at UT Austin. Beyond that issue is a question about inconsistency between the way in which a final grade is normally determined in coursework at UT Austin and the way in which the grade is determined in credit by examination. In coursework, the final grade is almost always the result of multiple factors (tests, papers, attendance, participation, etc.). In credit by examination, the grade is the result of a single test.

"These and other issues still need to be considered as regards the granting of credit by examination. I am asking the Executive Vice President and Provost to appoint a special committee to address the issues and prepare a report. I will hold the current proposal (Documents of the General Faculty 77-81), pending the report of that committee."

In a memorandum dated August 19, 2002, the provost made the following comments:

"Rather than convene a new committee, a decision was made to refer this issue to the Educational Policy Committee. Professor Robert Duke, as chair of the Committee, was asked to draft a proposal for consideration by the President and Provost. The draft proposal is to be ready for review in September 2002."

The committee returned the proposal to the president and provost without change.

D 3719-3720 **Revised proposal for revision of *The Handbook of Operating Procedures* 3.18 regarding discovery and the rights of parties when a formal hearing is to be held.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on February 18, 2005. Approved by Faculty Council on February 21, 2005. Transmitted to the president on February 24, 2005.

D 3721-3722 **Proposal for language to be added to *The Handbook of Operating Procedures* 3.18 addressing provost's role in grievance procedures.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on February 18, 2005. Approved by Faculty Council on February 21, 2005. Transmitted to the president on February 24, 2005.

D 3734-3736 **Revision of the Recommendation for Change in *The Handbook of Operating Procedures Concerning Disciplining of a Faculty Member*.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 8, 2005. This legislation replaced D 3208-3209 and was approved by the Faculty Council on March 21, 2005. Transmitted to the president on March 23, 2005.

D 3765-3773 **Recommendations for Changes in Mission, Name, or Composition for Standing Committees of the General Faculty.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 10, 2005. Presented to the Faculty Council at its meeting on March 21. Amended and approved by the Council at its meeting on April 11, 2005. Transmitted to the president on April 12, 2005.

D 3806-3807 **Committee on Committees' Proposal to Change the *Rules and Regulations Relating to the Election of Chairs of Standing Committees*.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 10, 2005. Presented to the Faculty Council at its meeting on March 21. Approved by the Council at its meeting on April 11, 2005. Transmitted to the president on April 12, 2005.

F. ITEMS REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT TO THE PROVOST FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION.

D 3892-3933 **Proposed Catalog Changes in the College of Natural Sciences chapter of *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2004-2006*.** The following proposals were posted on the Faculty Council Web site on April 25, 2005. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on May 2, 2005. Transmitted to the provost on May 3, 2005.

- Changes in the Bachelor of Science in Astronomy in the College of Natural Sciences Chapter in *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2006-2008* (D 3892-3895).
- Changes in the Bachelor of Science in Biology in the College of Natural Sciences Chapter in *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2006-2008* (D 3896-3899).
- Changes in the Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry in the College of Natural Sciences Chapter in *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2006-2008* (D 3900-3903).
- Changes in the Bachelor of Science in Chemistry in the College of Natural Sciences Chapter in *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2006-2008* (D 3904-3907).
- Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Computer Sciences in the College of Natural Sciences Chapter in *The Undergraduate Catalog,*

2006-2008 (D 3908-3911).

- Changes in the Bachelor of Science in Geological Sciences in the College of Natural Sciences Chapter in *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2006-2008* (D 3912-3915).
- Changes in the Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Sciences in the College of Natural Sciences Chapter in *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2006-2008* (D 3916-3921).
- Changes in the Bachelor of Science in Mathematics in the College of Natural Sciences Chapter in *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2006-2008* (D 3922-3925).
- Changes in the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition in the College of Natural Sciences Chapter in *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2006-2008* (D 3926-3929).
- Changes in the Bachelor of Science in Physics in the College of Natural Sciences Chapter in *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2006-2008* (D 3930-3933).
- Changes in the Dean's Scholars Honors Program in the College of Natural Sciences Chapter in *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2006-2008* (D 3934-3935).

D 3943-3945

**Changes in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing in the School of Nursing Chapter of *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2006-2008*.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on April 27, 2005. Approved on a no-protest basis by the Faculty Council on May 4, 2005. Transmitted to the provost on May 5, 2005.

**VI. LEGISLATION UNDER REVIEW BY THE GENERAL FACULTY — None.**

**VII. LEGISLATION UNDER REVIEW BY THE FACULTY COUNCIL.**

D 3787-3788

**Educational Policy Committee Proposal Recommending the Continuation and Expansion of the Bridging Disciplines Program (BDP) as an Interdisciplinary Certificate Program.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 10, 2005. Presented to the Faculty Council at its meeting on March 21. The legislation appeared on the Council's agenda at its meeting on April 11, 2005, however, due to lack of time, it will be addressed at the meeting on May 9, 2005.

D 3789-3790

**Educational Policy Committee Resolution Endorsing the Recommendation from the Task Force on Enrollment Strategy Limiting Undergraduate Students to Ten Semesters In Residence.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 10, 2005. Presented to the Faculty Council at its meeting on March 21. The legislation appeared on the Council's agenda at its meeting on April 11, 2005, however, due to lack of time, it will be addressed at the meeting on May 9, 2005.

D 3791

**Educational Policy Committee Recommendation that University Grade Point Average be Based on In Residence Grade Point Average.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 10, 2005. Presented to the Faculty Council at its meeting on March 21. The legislation appeared on the Council's agenda at its meeting on April 11, 2005, however, due to lack of time, it will be addressed at the meeting on May 9, 2005.

D 3792-3795

**Educational Policy Committee Recommendation to Eliminate the Table of Scholastic Standards and to Change the Criteria for Probation and Dismissal.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 10, 2005.

Presented to the Faculty Council at its meeting on March 21. The legislation appeared on the Council's agenda at its meeting on April 11, 2005, however, due to lack of time, it will be addressed at the meeting on May 9, 2005.

- D 3796-3797      **Admissions and Registration Committee Proposed Recommendations for Change in the Readmission after Second Dismissal Policy.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 10, 2005. Presented to the Faculty Council at its meeting on March 21. The legislation appeared on the Council's agenda at its meeting on April 11, 2005, however, due to lack of time, it will be addressed at the meeting on May 9, 2005.
- D 3798-3800      **Admissions and Registration Committee Proposed Recommendations for Change in Enrollment as a Nondegree Seeker.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 10, 2005. Presented to the Faculty Council at its meeting on March 21. The legislation appeared on the Council's agenda at its meeting on April 11, 2005, however, due to lack of time, it will be addressed at the meeting on May 9, 2005.
- D 3801-3803      **Admissions and Registration Committee Proposed Recommendation for Change in the Coordinated Admissions Program (CAP) Policy.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 10, 2005. Presented to the Faculty Council at its meeting on March 21. The legislation appeared on the Council's agenda at its meeting on April 11, 2005, however, due to lack of time, it will be addressed at the meeting on May 9, 2005.
- D 3804-3805      **Admissions and Registration Committee Proposed Recommendations for Increasing the Number of Transfer Credit Required for Admission from Twenty-four to Thirty.** Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 10, 2005. Presented to the Faculty Council at its meeting on March 21. The legislation appeared on the Council's agenda at its meeting on April 11, 2005, however, due to lack of time, it will be addressed at the meeting on May 9, 2005.

**VIII. STATUS OF LEGISLATION NOT APPROVED BY THE FACULTY COUNCIL OR THE GENERAL FACULTY.**

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- A. ITEMS DISAPPROVED, TABLED, OR WITHDRAWN — None.
  - B. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY STANDING COMMITTEES — None.
  - C. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY OTHER COMMITTEES — None.
- IX. SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED — None.**

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Posted on the Faculty Council Web site (<http://www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/>) on May 5, 2005. Paper copies are available on request from the Office of the General Faculty, WMB 2.102, F9500.