February 24, 2014

Gregory Fenves
Executive Vice President and Provost
The University of Texas at Austin
MAI 201
Campus Mail Code: G1000

Dear Dr. Fenves:

Enclosed for your consideration and action is a proposal to delete the Texas IP Certificate Program (D 11230-11232) in the College of Liberal Arts section of the Undergraduate Catalog 2014-2016. The proposal was classified as being of general interest to more than one college or school, and was approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on February 21, 2014. The authority to grant final approval resides with UT System with formal notification to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Please let me know if you have questions or if I can provide other information concerning this legislation.

Sincerely,

Dean P. Neikirk, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council

DPN:dlr

Enclosure

xc: William Powers Jr., President
Charles Roeckle, Deputy to the President

cc (letter only): Randy Diehl, dean, College of Liberal Arts
Alison Danforth, manager, IMA
Brenda Schumann, Associate Registrar
David Laude, Sr. Vice Provost, via Kati Pelletier
PROPOSED CHANGES TO DELETE THE TEXAS IP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS SECTION IN THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2014-2016

Dean Randy L. Diehl in the College of Liberal Arts has filed with the secretary of the Faculty Council the following changes to the College of Liberal Arts section in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016. The dean approved the changes on September 13, 2013. The secretary has classified this proposal as legislation as being of general interest to more than one college or school (but not for submission to the General Faculty).

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the change on January 22, 2014, and forwarded the proposed changes to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with UT System with formal notification to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by February 21, 2014.

Dean P. Neikirk, Secretary  
General Faculty and Faculty Council

Posted on the Faculty Council website (http://www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/) on February 7, 2014.
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Type of Change: Academic Change

1. IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IS YES, THE COLLEGE MUST
CONSULT NEAL ARMSTRONG TO DETERMINE IF SACS-COC APPROVAL IS REQUIRED.
   • Is this a new degree program? No
   • Does the program offer courses that will be taught off campus? No
   • Will courses in this program be delivered electronically? No

2. EXPLAIN CHANGE TO DEGREE PROGRAM AND GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR
   EACH INDIVIDUAL CHANGE:
The Texas IP Certificate is being transformed into a new program unrelated to the College of Liberal Arts, so it will be deleted from the liberal arts portion of the catalog.

3. SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE
   a. Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? No
      If yes, then how?
   b. Will students in other degree programs be impacted (are the proposed changes to courses
      commonly taken by students in other colleges)? No
      If yes, then how?
   c. Will students from your college take courses in other colleges? Not as a result of this change.
      If 3 a, b, or c was answered with yes:
      How many students do you expect to be impacted?
      Impacted schools must be contacted and their response(s) included:
      Person communicated with:
      Date of communication:
      Response:
   d. Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum or other basic education requirements
      (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? If yes, explain: No.
      If yes, undergraduate studies must be informed of the proposed changes and their response
      included:
      Person communicated with:
      Date of communication:
      Response:
   e. Will this proposal change the number of hours required for degree completion? If yes, explain:
      No.

4. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS
   Department approval date: n/a
   College approval date: n/a
   Dean approval date: September 13, 2013

1 See http://www.utexas.edu/provost/planning/cat_change/UnderGrad.html for detailed explanations.
PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:

[Texas IP Certificate]
The Texas Interdisciplinary Plan (Texas IP) Certificate allows students to pursue an integrated course of study with a focus on the development and application of critical-thinking skills. The curriculum is designed to complement the student's major with an interdisciplinary sequence of courses that may encompass the humanities, the social sciences, the natural sciences, and the arts. Students have the opportunity to present an original work in a capstone seminar. Those who plan to pursue the certificate should apply to the program adviser for admission no later than the end of their sophomore year. More information about the Texas IP Certificate is given at http://www.utexas.edu/ip/TexasIP/.

[The certificate program requires eighteen semester hours of coursework, including at least nine hours completed in residence. Students must meet the following requirements:]

[1. Critical-Thinking Seminar: One of the following courses: Liberal Arts 302, Philosophy 311, Natural Sciences 301C (Topic: Research Methods), 302, 311, Undergraduate Studies 303 (Topic: Thinking About Thinking across the Disciplines)]

[2. Critical-Writing Seminar: Rhetoric and Writing 309K or 309S, with other Rhetoric and Writing courses eligible for substitution on a petition basis]

[3. Three additional courses, including at least three-semester hours of upper-division coursework, from an interdisciplinary topic area prescribed by the Texas Interdisciplinary Plan, or, with approval of the Texas IP Faculty Advisory Panel, a three-course interdisciplinary topic area designed by the student]

[4. Senior Capstone Seminar: Liberal Arts 371 or Natural Sciences 371]

[In the College of Liberal Arts, a student whose major includes a minor may use the Texas IP curriculum as the minor if he or she completes the Texas IP coursework and if the minor is not specified by the major department. Final approval of the Texas IP minor coursework rests with the College of Liberal Arts associate dean for academic affairs or the associate dean's authorized representative.]

[In the College of Natural Sciences, the Texas IP Certificate may be used to complement any major. Some certificate courses will also fulfill degree requirements established by the student's major department and are noted when they appear; however, some of the eighteen semester hours required for the certificate may be in addition to the number of hours required for the degree.]

2 The proposed text should be based on the text of the current catalog available at http://www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/pages/catalog_chgs/cntcopy.html. Strike through and replace (with underlines) only the specific language to be changed. Do NOT use "track changes!" For questions on completing this section, please contact the Office of the General Faculty, fcs@austin.utexas.edu, 471-5936 or Brenda Schumann, brenda.schumann@austin.utexas.edu, 475-7654.