March 11, 2014

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

Dear Dr. Fenves:

Enclosed for your consideration and action is a proposal to change the Bachelor of Science and Arts Degree Program in the College of Natural Sciences chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016 (D 11412-11414). On March 10, 2014, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis. The proposals were classified as being of exclusive application and of primary interest only to a single college or school. The authority to grant final approval resides with UT System.

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

Sincerely,

Dean P. Neikirk, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council

DPN: dlr

Enclosure

xc: William Powers Jr., president
    Charles Roekle, deputy to the president

ec (letter only): Linda Hicke, dean, College of Natural Sciences
    Alison Danforth, manager, IMA
    Brenda Schumann, associate registrar
    David Laude, senior vice provost, via Kati Pelletier
DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

PROPOSED ADDITION OF FLAGS TO THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE AND ARTS DEGREE PROGRAM IN THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES SECTION OF THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2014-2016

Dean Linda A. Hicke in the College of Natural Sciences has filed with the secretary of the Faculty Council the addition of a bachelor of science and arts degree program in the College of Natural Sciences section of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016. The department, the college faculty, and the dean approved the proposal on September 24, 2013, February 13, 2014, and February 14, 2014, respectively. The secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of exclusive application and of primary interest only to a single college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the change on February 26, 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.

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 March 10, 2014.

Dean P. Neikirk, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council

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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 (include page numbers in the catalog where changes will be made): The College of Natural Sciences delayed adding flags to the Bachelor of Science and Arts, planning to add in more flags than were required for its degrees in the 2012-14 catalog. The college is increasing its flag requirement to add one quantitative reasoning flag.
   Rationale: The college will require the same type and number of flags for the Bachelor of Science and Arts as it does for the Bachelor of Science and the Bachelor of Arts degrees.

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? No.
      Most natural sciences students take writing flag courses within their majors. Those students taking writing flags outside of natural sciences who change from bachelor of science or bachelor of arts degree programs to the Bachelor of Science and Arts will not take more flags from other colleges than they would if they remained in these other degree programs.
      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)? No
      If yes, explain:
      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? No.
      If yes, explain:
4. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS
   College approval date:    February 13, 2014
   Dean approval date:      February 14, 2014

PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:
Bachelor of Science and Arts

In the process of fulfilling the core curriculum and other requirements, all students must complete courses with
content in the following areas:

1. Writing: two flagged courses, including one at the upper-division level, beyond Rhetoric and Writing
   306 or its equivalent.
2. Quantitative reasoning: one flagged course.