PENDING COORDINATING BOARD

D 4686-4710  
Addition of the Jackson School of Geosciences Chapter in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2006-2008. Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on May 1, 2006, and approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on May 8, 2006. Transmitted to the provost on May 9, 2006. Approved by the provost and an informational copy was transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on May 31, 2006. Approved by the interim executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on June 27, 2006. Approved by Dr. Pedro Reyes, associate vice chancellor for academic planning and assessment, on March 15, 2007, and transmitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

D 4735-4736  
Deletion of the Intercollege Major in the College of Liberal Arts Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2006-2008. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on May 1, 2006, and approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on May 8, 2006. Transmitted to the provost on May 9, 2006. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on May 31, 2006. Approval given by the interim executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on June 10, 2006. Approved by Dr. Pedro Reyes, associate vice chancellor for academic planning and assessment, on March 15, 2007, and transmitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

D 5189-5190  
Natural Science Requirement of the Core Curriculum for all Undergraduate Students at UT Austin. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on December 11, 2006. Presented to the Faculty Council at its meeting on December 11, 2006. Approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on January 22, 2007. Presented to the General Faculty on a no-protest basis on February 5, 2007, and approved by the General Faculty on February 16, 2007. Transmitted to the president for approval as General Faculty legislation on February 19, 2007. The president referred the legislation to the provost for review and recommendations. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the president on March 7, 2007. Approved by the president and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs ad interim on March 20, 2007. On March 22, 2007, the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs sent a letter to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board asking for approval. See D 5226 for notice of no-protest procedure.

PENDING UT SYSTEM

D 5183  
Changes to the Enrollment Hours and Honors Designation in the Law School Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on November 12, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on November 20, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on November 21, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on December 7, 2007.

Addition of a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Global Studies Degree and Honors Program in the College of Liberal Arts Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010.

This legislation was classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school and was posted on the Faculty Council web site on January 10, 2008. It was approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on January 24, 2008, and transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on January 25, 2008. Approved by the provost on behalf of the president and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on June 15, 2008.

PENDING PRESIDENT

No legislation pending at this time.

PENDING PROVOST

Creation of the Bachelor of Science in Geography and the Environment and of the Departmental Honors Program in the College of Liberal Arts Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. This legislation was classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school and was posted on the Faculty Council web site on January 10, 2008. It was approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on January 24, 2008, and transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on January 25, 2008.


No legislation pending at this time.

**PENDING GENERAL FACULTY.**

No legislation pending at this time.

**PENDING GENERAL FACULTY STANDING COMMITTEES**

No legislation pending at this time.

**ITEMS UNDER RECONSIDERATION**

No legislation pending at this time.

**COMPETED/CLOSED**

D 3719-3720  
*Revised Proposal for Revision of The Handbook of Operating Procedures 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. Letter dated June 14, 2005, from the president states that the proposal is "under review to determine whether necessary revisions address all substantive, legal, and terminological issues satisfactorily, and to determine whether the revised text corrects references to the Regents' Rules and conforms to the new format for the Handbook of Operating Procedures." Endorsed by President Faulkner and transmitted to the Office of General Counsel, UT System on August 12, 2005, for review. On May 11, 2007, Provost Steven Leslie transmitted the legislation to President Powers with recommendation for approval. On May 25, 2007, President Powers transmitted the legislation with recommendation for approval to the executive vice chancellor ad interim. In a letter dated September 25, 2007, President Powers notified Sue Greninger that final approval had been granted and that “The revisions and corresponding flowcharts have been incorporated into the University’s Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOP). These are now posted on the HOP website (http://www.utexas.edu/policies/hoppm/h0318.html).”

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. Letter dated June 14, 2005, from the president states that the proposal is "under review to determine whether necessary revisions address all substantive, legal, and terminological issues satisfactorily, and to determine whether the revised text corrects references to the Regents' Rules and conforms to the new format for the Handbook of Operating Procedures." Endorsed by President Faulkner and transmitted to the Office of General Counsel, UT System on August 12, 2005, for review. On May 11, 2007, Provost Steven Leslie transmitted the legislation to President Powers with recommendation for approval. On May 25, 2007, President Powers transmitted the legislation with recommendation for approval to the executive vice chancellor ad interim. In a letter dated September 25,
2007, President Powers notified Sue Greninger that final approval had been granted and that “The revisions and corresponding flowcharts have been incorporated into the University’s *Handbook of Operating Procedures* (HOP). These are now posted on the HOP website (http://www.utexas.edu/policies/hoppm/h0318.html).”

**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. Endorsed by President Faulkner and transmitted to the Office of General Counsel, UT System on August 12, 2005, for review. On May 11, 2007, Provost Steven Leslie transmitted the legislation to President Powers with recommendation for approval. On May 25, 2007, President Powers transmitted the legislation with recommendation for approval to the executive vice chancellor ad interim. In a letter dated September 25, 2007, President Powers notified Sue Greninger that final approval had been granted and that “The revisions and corresponding flowcharts have been incorporated into the University’s *Handbook of Operating Procedures* (HOP). These are now posted on the HOP website (http://www.utexas.edu/policies/hoppm/h0318.html).”

**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, and presented to the Faculty Council at its meeting on March 21. On April 11, 2005, it appeared on the Council’s agenda as an action item. However, due to lack of time, it was addressed and approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on May 9, 2005. Transmitted to the president on May 10, 2005. Transmitted to the provost for his consideration and action on June 29, 2005. As of January 19, 2006, this item is still under review. In a letter dated March 25, 2008, Vice Provost Terri Givens returned the legislation to the Admissions and Registration Committee for reconsideration.

**D 3835-3837**

**Educational Policy Committee Proposal to Improve Course Availability for Undergraduates**

Posted on the Faculty Council web site on April 11, 2005. In a letter dated June 13, 2007, to Sue Greninger (secretary, Faculty Council), President Powers disapproved section 2 and 4, and he approved section 3 with modifications; sections 1 and 5 are pending further review and recommendations from the provost. In a message to the provost dated January 31, 2008, the registrar recommended disapproval of sections 1 and 5 “in light of the six drop limit called for in SB 1231 and the conditions stated in SB1231 for which a drop may not be counted toward the limit.” In a letter dated March 25, Provost Leslie agreed with the recommendation from the registrar to disapprove sections 1 and 5. In a letter to Sue Greninger from President Powers dated April 16, 2008, Sections 1, 2, 4, and 5 were disapproved. Section 3 was approved with the provision that additional information be required in the syllabus as stated in the letter dated June 13, 2007. President Powers summarized his actions on the legislation in a letter dated June 4, 2008.

Following is the historical tracking of the legislation to date.
Archie Holmes, chair of the Educational Policy Committee, was to present the legislation to the Council at its meeting on April 11, 2005. However, due to lack of time, it was addressed and approved at the meeting on May 9, 2005. Transmitted to the president on May 10, 2005. Transmitted to the provost for his consideration and action on June 29, 2005. Transmitted to the president from the provost on January 19, 2006, with the following recommendations:

"I recommend approval of Sections 1 and 3.

Section 1 recommends the creation of a new symbol, \( N \), to be used when a student drops a course for documented non-academic reasons. Section 3 requires that faculty provide a syllabus with specified information. I recommend adding to Section 3 that the syllabus also provide a description of the course, an outline of the weekly topics, and faculty and TA office hours. In addition, I recommend that we ask faculty to include the statement, *The University of Texas at Austin provides upon request appropriate academic accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. For more information, contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 471-6259, 471-4641 TTY.*

"I also recommend the approval of Section 5, which limits the number of \( Q \) drops, but with a modification. The proposed legislation recommends that a student who has received 3 \( Q \)s must have documented, non-academic reasons for any additional drops after the 12th class day. The limitation on \( Q \) drops is a very good idea. Based on the data provided by the Registrar's Office and consultation with academic advisors, however, I recommend that the recommended number be increased to 4. The purpose underlying the Faculty Council's proposal is maintained, and student progress is not reduced.

"I do not recommend approval of the proposed Sections 2 and 4.

Section 2, which proposes changes to the current add and drop procedures, significantly shortens the period of time students have to add and drop courses each semester. Data prepared by the Registrar's Office indicate that these changes would have minimal impact on course availability and would be costly to implement. In addition, because students would have less time to attend meetings of a course and thus consider whether a course is suitable for them, it is projected that the likelihood of adds and drops would increase substantially. In my opinion, this would not be a healthy outcome for the institution.

"Section 4, which addresses course repeat policy, puts restrictions on the number of times a student may register for the same course. Colleges and schools currently handle these restrictions quite successfully internally. They are in the best position to determine the most effective practice for the courses they offer. I recommend that college/school level discretion be continued."

In a letter to Provost Leslie dated March 13, 2007, President Powers stated "Because of the significance of this proposal and the effect on the academic policy which you oversee, I am returning all five recommendations of D 3835-3837 to you for review, comment, and recommendation."
In a letter dated April 10, 2007, to President Powers, Provost Leslie recommended disapproval of items 2 and 4. Regarding item 3, he suggested "further modifications that serve to include the list in the original legislation that should be included on the course syllabus. This list is as follows:

- Course name and number;
- Faculty member name;
- Faculty member office location and office hours;
- TA name, office location and office hours if course has a TA;
- Overview of course, including course prerequisites;
- Grading policy for course, including whether class attendance is used in determining the grade;
- Dates during semester for examinations and assignments that count 20% or more of the total course grade;
- Final exam date and time;
- Required materials for the course (textbooks, supplies, packets, etc.);
- Course website; and statement:
The University of Austin provides upon request appropriate academic accommodations for qualified students with disabilities.
For more information, contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 471-6259, 471-6441 TTY."

The provost also agreed with the "recommendation to approve item 5 with the modification that limitation in Q drops be increased to four rather than three as suggested in the legislation."

In a letter dated June 13, 2007, to Sue Greninger, President Powers responded to Provost Leslie’s recommendations of April 10, 2007, with the following:

Section 1: Before taking action on the recommended approval, President Powers is “asking Provost Leslie to work with Mr. Shelby Stanfield, Registrar, to review the proposal in light of Senate Bill 1231 and provide a further recommendation after that review.”

Section 2: President Powers concurred with the provost’s recommendation to disapprove this item.

Section 3: President Powers approved the provost’s recommendation for approval with modifications.

Section 4: President Powers agreed with the provost’s recommendation to disapprove the item.

Section 5: Before taking action on the recommendation for approval, the president is “asking Provost Leslie to work with the Registrar to review the proposal in light of Senate Bill 1231 and provide a further recommendation after that review.”

Changes in Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in Asian Cultures and Languages and Asian Studies in the College of Liberal Arts Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2006-2008. Posted on the Faculty Council website on May 1, 2006, and approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on May 8, 2006. Transmitted to the provost on May 9, 2006. Transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on May 31, 2006. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on May 31, 2006. Approval given by
the interim executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on June 10, 2006. Pending the approval of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on December 18, 2007.

D 4737-4738

Deletion of the Intercollege Major in Kinesiology and Health for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in the College of Liberal Arts Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2006-2008. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on May 1, 2006, and approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on May 8, 2006. Transmitted to the provost on May 9, 2006. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on May 31, 2006. Approval given by the interim executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on June 10, 2006. Approved by Dr. Pedro Reyes, associate vice chancellor for academic planning and assessment, on March 15, 2007, and transmitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on December 18, 2007.

D 4779-4780

Revised Motion to Change the Definition of University Honors. Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on May 4, 2006. Amended and approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on May 8, 2006. Transmitted to the provost on May 9, 2006. Also, see D 4524. In a letter dated August 7, 2007, Vice Provost Terri Givens disapproved the legislation with the following comments: "I do not feel I can approve this change as written. I base my decision on the attached summary by Mike Allen, Associate Registrar, of issues affecting the implementation of changes suggested in this document. If the concerns raised in this summary are addressed and appropriate revisions are made, I will be happy to reconsider approval of this motion."

D 5117-5118


D 5119-5120


D 5155-5163

Final Version of the Amended Motion on Curricular Reform. Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on November 22, 2006. The Faculty Council approved related legislation D 5097-5105 and D 5109-5114 at its meeting on November 20, 2006. The legislation resulting
from the approval of these items was presented to the General Faculty on a no-protest basis on November 27, 2006, and approved by the General Faculty on a no-protest basis on December 8. Transmitted to the president on December 12, 2006. See D 5154 for notice of no-protest procedure. Endorsed by the president and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor ad interim on February 19, 2007. Final approval received March 5, 2007, from the interim executive vice chancellor for academic affairs. The legislation was forwarded to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for their information.

In a letter dated March 12, 2007, President Powers wished "to congratulate the Faculty Council on the thorough deliberative process it used to consider this substantial undergraduate curricular reform." He also directed the provost to work with the Dean of Undergraduate Studies and the other academic deans to implement the necessary degree changes.

In a letter dated March 15, 2007, to Joseph Stafford, assistant commissioner for academic affairs and research at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Pedro Reyes, associate vice chancellor for academic planning and assessment, requested “approval to modify the core curriculum,” and later, “UT Austin has not yet developed specific University-wide lists of courses that will satisfy the new and modified core component areas, but we seek your approval to begin the process of amending degree plans to implement the new core, with the understanding that course lists will be developed and submitted for your approval as soon as possible.” Approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on October 18, 2007.

D 5191-5194 Proposal from the Faculty Grievance Committee to Create an Office of the Faculty Ombudspersons. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on December 11, 2006. Presented to the Faculty Council at its meeting on December 11, 2006. Approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on January 22, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on January 23, 2007. In a letter dated May 21, 2007, the provost indicated his willingness to approve the creation of an assistant faculty ombudsperson position but would like to revisit whether there is a pressing need. In a letter to Sue Greninger dated June 2, 2008, Provost Leslie approved the creation of an assistant faculty ombudsperson as a voluntary non-salaried position, without additional compensation such as reduced workload expectations.

D 5280-5282 Addition of a Nursing Honors Program in the School of Nursing Chapter of The Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on March 14, 2007. This proposal is legislation of exclusive application and primary interest to a single college or school. The proposal was approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on March 23, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on March 28, 2007. Approved by Vice Provost Terri Givens on behalf of the provost and an informational copy was transmitted to Geri Malandra, interim executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, on May 30, 2007. No further action is required.

D 5283-5285 Deletion of the Music Theory Major in the College of Fine Arts Chapter of The Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 14, 2007. This proposal is
legislation of exclusive application and primary interest to a single college or school. The proposal was approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on March 23, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on March 28, 2007. Approved by Vice Provost Terri Givens on behalf of the provost and an informational copy was transmitted to Geri Malandra, interim executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, on May 30, 2007. No further action is required.

D 5286-5288 Changes to the Jazz Composition Major in the College of Fine Arts Chapter of The Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 14, 2007. This proposal is legislation of exclusive application and primary interest to a single college or school. The proposal was approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on March 23, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on March 28, 2007. Approved by Vice Provost Terri Givens on behalf of the provost and an informational copy was transmitted to Geri Malandra, interim executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, on September 24, 2007. No further action is required.

D 5289-5291 Changes to the Jazz Performance Major in the College of Fine Arts Chapter of The Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on March 14, 2007. This proposal is legislation of exclusive application and primary interest to a single college or school. The proposal was approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on March 23, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on March 28, 2007. Approved by Vice Provost Terri Givens on behalf of the provost and an informational copy was transmitted to Geri Malandra, interim executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, on September 24, 2007. No further action is required.


5320-5321 Recommendation to Update the Function of the Calendar Committee. Posted on the Faculty Council Web site on April 10, 2007. Amended and approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on April 16, 2007. Transmitted to the president on April 17, 2007. In a letter dated May 3, 2007, the president asked Provost Leslie for written recommendations. In a letter to President Powers dated August 1,
2007, Provost Leslie recommended approval. Approved by the president on September 18, 2007.

D 5558-5559  Removal of CH 314N from the Bachelor of Science in Nursing in the School of Nursing Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on September 6, 2007. The proposal was approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on September 20, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on September 24, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on November 30, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on January 9, 2008.

D 5560-5561  Addition of Coursework from Statistics and Scientific Computation to the Pre-Nursing Major in the School of Nursing Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on September 6, 2007. The proposal was approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on September 20, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on September 24, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on November 30, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on January 9, 2008.

D 5599-5600  Changes to the Visual Art Studies Major in the College of Fine Arts Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted as no-protest legislation on the Faculty Council web site on October 2, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on October 16, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on October 17, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on October 31, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on November 27, 2007.

D 5601-5602  Changes to the Youth and Community Studies Major in the College of Education Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 2, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on October 9, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on October 10, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on October 22, 2008. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on July 21, 2008.

D 5603-5605  Proposed Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and Health in the College of Education Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 2, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on October 9, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on October 10, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on January 22, 2008. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs and transmitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on January 31, 2008. Approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on March 18, 2008.

D 5682-5685  Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training in the College of Education Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-
Changes to the Bachelor Science in Advertising in the College of Communication Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 15, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on October 22, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on October 23, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on October 31, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on November 30, 2007.

Changes to the Art History Major in the College of Fine Arts Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 2, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on October 9, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on October 10, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on October 31, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on November 27, 2007.

Changes to the Design Major in the College of Fine Arts Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 2, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on October 9, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on October 10, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on October 31, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on November 27, 2007.

Changes to the Bachelor Science in Communication Studies in the College of Communication Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 15, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on October 22, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on October 23, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on October 31, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on November 14, 2007.

Changes to the Bachelor Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders in the College of Communication Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 15, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on October 29, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on October 30, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on November 1, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on November 27, 2007.
Changes to the Bachelor Science in Journalism in the College of Communication Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 15, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on October 22, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on October 23, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on October 31, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on November 14, 2007.

Changes to the Bachelor Science in Radio-Television-Film in the College of Communication Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 15, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on October 22, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on October 23, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on October 31, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on November 14, 2007.

Changes to the Bachelor Science in Public Relations in the College of Communication Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 15, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on October 29, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on October 30, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on November 1, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on November 27, 2007.

Changes to the Bachelor Arts in Geological Sciences in the School of Geosciences Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 15, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on October 22, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on October 23, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on October 31, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on November 27, 2007. In a letter dated December 18, 2007, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board indicated that the changes were not compliant with the Texas Core Curriculum. Therefore, Undergraduate Studies Dean Paul Woodruff is working with the Coordinating Board to make the necessary changes to bring the program into compliance. Final approval received from the Coordinating Board on February 20, 2008.

Changes to the Bachelor Science in Geological Sciences in the School of Geosciences Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 15, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on October 29, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on October 30, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on November 1, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on November 27, 2007. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board was notified of the approval on April 22, 2008.

Removal of the Senior Seminar in Theatre and Dance in the
College of Fine Arts Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 25, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on November 2, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on November 7, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on December 7, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on January 4, 2008.

D 5728-5734

Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering in the School of Engineering Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 30, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on November 5, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on November 7, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on December 7, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on January 4, 2008.

D 5735-5740

Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering in the School of Engineering Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 30, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on November 5, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on November 7, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on December 7, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on January 4, 2008.

D 5741-5745

Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering in the School of Engineering Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 30, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on November 5, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on November 7, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on December 7, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on January 4, 2008.

D 5746-5748

Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in the School of Engineering Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 30, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on November 5, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on November 7, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on December 7, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on January 4, 2008.

D 5749-5757

Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering in the School of Engineering Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 30, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on November 5, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on November 7, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on

D 5758-5760 Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering in the School of Engineering Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 30, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on November 12, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on November 13, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on November 30, 2007. Final approval received from the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on January 4, 2008.

D 5761-5764 Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Geosystems Engineering and Hydrogeology in the School of Engineering Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 30, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on November 12, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on November 13, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on November 30, 2007. Final approval received from the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on January 4, 2008.

D 5765-5768 Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering in the School of Engineering Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on October 30, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on November 12, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on November 13, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on November 30, 2007. Final approval received from the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on January 4, 2008.

D 5769 Proposal to Change the Name of the Calendar Committee to the University Academic Calendar Committee. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on November 8, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on November 12, 2007. Transmitted to the president on November 13, 2007. In a letter to President Powers dated November 20, 2007, Provost Leslie recommended approval of the legislation. Approved by the president on December 14, 2007.

D 5770-5772 Proposal from the Educational Policy Committee Regarding the Implementation of Plus/Minus Grading System for Undergraduates. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on November 8, 2007. The proposal was discussed at the Faculty Council meeting held November 12, 2007. It was approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on December 10, 2007, and transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on December 12, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the president for consideration on January 23, 2008. Approved by the president on January 29, 2008.

D 5791-5792 Addition to the Optional Minor for the Bachelor of Business Administration in the McCombs School of Business Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on November 12, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on November 20, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on
behalf of the president on November 21, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on December 7, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on January 9, 2008.

D 5793-5796

**Changes to the Bachelor of Business Administration in the McCombs School of Business Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010.** Posted on the Faculty Council web site on November 12, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on November 20, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on November 21, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on December 7, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on January 9, 2008.

D 5800-5802

**Changes to the Finance Major in the McCombs School of Business Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010.** Posted on the Faculty Council web site on November 12, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on November 20, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on November 21, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on December 7, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on January 9, 2008.

D 5803-5806

**Changes to the Engineering Route to the Bachelor of Business Administration in the McCombs School of Business Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010.** Posted on the Faculty Council web site on November 12, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on November 27, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on November 27, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on December 7, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on January 9, 2008.

D 5810

**Proposal to Disband the General Faculty Committee on Student Affairs.** D 5810  Proposal to Disband the General Faculty Committee on Student Affairs. Proposal to Disband the General Faculty Committee on Student Affairs (D 5810). Posted on the Faculty Council web site on December 6, 2007. The proposal was presented to the Faculty Council for discussion at its meeting on December 10, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on January 28, 2008. Transmitted to the president on January 29, 2008. In a letter dated March 17, 2008, President Powers asked Provost Leslie and Vice President Juan González to provide written recommendations. Provost Leslie responded on April 22, 2008, recommending approval with the "expectation that the Faculty Council will work towards the re-establishment of a new Committee on Student Affairs with a revised charge and different membership composition." In a letter dated May 20, 2008, President Powers concurred with the provost's recommendation. He approved the legislation but urged "the Faculty Council to consider Provost Leslie's recommendation and to work with Vice President González to establish a new committee that could provide an effective way for the faculty to be consulted in student services matters not covered by other standing committees of the General Faculty."
Proposed Changes to the College of Liberal Arts Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted as no-protest legislation on the Faculty Council web site on December 3, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on December 11, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on December 12, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on December 12, 2007. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on January 4, 2008.

- Changes to the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (D 5830-5832).
- Changes to the Departmental Honors Program in American Studies (D 5833-5834).
- Changes to the Departmental Honors Program in Asian Studies and Asian Cultures and Languages (D 5835-5837).
- Changes to the Bachelor of Arts in Arabic Language and Literature (D 5838-5839).
- Changes to the Bachelor of Arts in English and to the English Honors Program (D 5840-5842).
- Changes to the Bachelor of Arts in European Studies (D 5843-5845).
- Changes to the Bachelor of Arts in Government and the Government Honors Program (D 5846-5849).
- Changes to the Bachelor of Arts in Geography (D 5850-5851).
- Changes to the Bachelor of Arts in Hebrew Language and Literature (D 5852-5853).
- Changes to the Bachelor of Arts in Jewish Studies (D 5854-5855).
- Changes to the Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies (D 5856-5858).
- Changes to the Departmental Honors Program in Linguistics (D 5859-5860).
- Changes to the Middle Eastern Studies Departmental Honors Program (D 5861-5862).
- Changes to the Philosophy Departmental Honors Program (D 5863-5864).
- Changes to the Bachelor of Arts in Persian Language and Literature (D 5865-5866).
- Changes to the Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Concentration in Science, Technology, and Society (D 5867-5869).
- Changes to the Bachelor of Arts in Turkish Language and Literature (D 5870-5871).

Motion to Change the Core Curriculum Course Lists for the 2008-2010 Undergraduate Catalog. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on December 6, 2007. The proposal was presented to the Faculty Council for discussion at its meeting on December 10, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on January 28, 2008. Transmitted to the president on January 29, 2008. Following approval of the provost and the president, transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on February 27, 2008. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs and transmitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on March 6, 2008. On March 24, 2008, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved the core course lists with three exceptions. On April 28, 2008, Vice Provost Terri Givens responded to Dr. Joseph Stafford regarding the three exceptions and the resolutions to remediate the existing areas of non-compliance. Also see memorandum dated May 9, 2008 from Paul Woodruff to deans and associate deans.
Changes to the College of Pharmacy Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted as no-protest legislation on the Faculty Council web site on December 6, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on December 13, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on December 14, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on January 22, 2008. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on February 8, 2008.

Addition of the Division of Statistics and Scientific Computation to the College of Natural Sciences Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted as no-protest legislation on the Faculty Council web site on December 6, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on December 20, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on December 21, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on January 22, 2008. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on February 8, 2008.

Changes to the Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts, Plan I Degree in the College of Natural Sciences Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted as no-protest legislation on the Faculty Council web site on December 6, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on December 20, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on December 21, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on January 22, 2008. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on February 8, 2008.

Changes to the Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts, Plan I Degree in the College of Liberal Arts Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted as no-protest legislation on the Faculty Council web site on December 6, 2007. Approved by the Faculty Council on December 20, 2007. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on December 21, 2007. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on January 22, 2008. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on April 7, 2008.

Proposed Changes to the College of Natural Sciences Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. The following items were classified as legislation exclusive to a single college or school and were posted on the Faculty Council web site on January 10, 2008. They were approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on January 17, 2008, and transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on January 24, 2008. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on February 13, 2008. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on April 7, 2008.

• Changes to the Bachelor of Arts in Biology (D 5918-5920).
• Changes to the Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics (D 5921-5923).
• Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science (D 5924-5925).
• Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Sciences (D 5603-5930).
• Changes to the Bachelor of Arts in Human Ecology (D 5931-5932).
• Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Science (D 5933-5936).
• Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Biology (D 5937-5944).
• Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition (D 5945-5953).

The following items were classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school and were posted on the Faculty Council web site on January 10, 2008. They were approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on January 24, 2008, and transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on January 25, 2008. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on February 13, 2008. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board was notified of the approval of D 5962-5966 on April 10, 2008.
• Changes to the Elements of Computing Program (D 5954-5956).
• Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (D 5957-5961).
• Addition of a Masters Option in the Bachelor of Science in Computer Sciences (D 5962-5966).

D 5967-5985

Proposed Changes to the College of Liberal Arts Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. The following items were classified as legislation exclusive to a single college or school and were posted on the Faculty Council web site on January 10, 2008. They were approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on January 17, 2008, and transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on January 24, 2008. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on February 13, 2008. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on April 11, 2008.
• Changes to the Bachelor of Science in Psychology (D 5967-5971).
• Changes to the Bachelor of Arts in Classical Archaeology (D 5972-5974).
• Changes in the Requirements for the African and African American Studies Concentration (D 5975-5977).
• Changes to the Bachelor of Arts in Scandinavian Studies (D 5978-5979).
• Changes to the Bachelor of Arts, Plan II Honors Program (D 5980-5985).

D 5994-5996

Changes to the Business Honors Program in the Red McCombs School of Business Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on January 10, 2008, and classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on January 17, 2008, and transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on January 24, 2008. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on February 13, 2008. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on April 1, 2008.

D 5997-6000

Changes to the Business Foundations Program in the Red McCombs School of Business Chapter of the Undergraduate
*Catalog, 2008-2010.* Posted on the Faculty Council web site on January 10, 2008, and classified as legislation of *general* interest to more than one college or school. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on January 24, 2008, and transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on January 25, 2008. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on February 13, 2008. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on April 1, 2008.

**D 6001-6004**  
Resolution Endorsing the Goals and Principles of the COIA Proposals on Reforms in Intercollegiate Athletics. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on January 16, 2008. The proposal was presented to the Faculty Council for discussion at its meeting on January 28, 2008. Amended and approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on February 18, 2008. An informational copy was transmitted to the president on February 19, 2008. No further action is required.

**D 6070-6079**  
Proposed Changes to the Architecture Degrees in the School of Architecture Chapter of the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010.* Posted on the Faculty Council web site on January 29, 2008, and classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on February 12, 2008, and transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on February 13, 2008. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on February 21, 2008. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on April 1, 2008.

**D 6080-6081**  
Proposed Changes to the Graduation Completion Time Period in the *Law School Catalog, 2008-2010.* Posted on the Faculty Council web site on January 29, 2008, and classified as legislation *exclusive* to a single college or school. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on February 5, 2008, and transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on February 6, 2008. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on February 13, 2008. Final approval received from the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on April 1, 2008.

**D 6088**  
Proposal from the Educational Policy Committee to Add an Honors A+ to the Grading System. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on February 7, 2008. Approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on March 24, 2008. A condition of the legislation, however, was that the Graduate Assembly endorse this change for the graduate grading system. At the March 26, 2008, Graduate Assembly meeting, the Administrative Committee of the Graduate Assembly reported that it had decided not to bring the motion forward to amend the plus/minus grading system to include an honorary A+. This was after a poll of graduate advisors revealed little support for the proposal. Consequently, the proposal was not forwarded to administration and is no longer being considered by the Faculty Council or the Graduate Assembly. No further action is required.

**D 6122-6124**  
Proposed Changes to the Math Requirement for the Bachelor of Science in Advertising in the College of Communication Chapter of

D 6125-6127

**Proposed Changes to the Math Requirement for the Bachelor of Science in Public Relations in the College of Communication Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010.** Posted on the Faculty Council web site on March 3, 2008. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on March 18, 2008. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on March 19, 2008. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on March 25, 2008. Final approval received from the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on April 22, 2008.

D 6172-6173


D 6184-6185

**Proposed Changes to the Science Requirements for the Exercise Science Major in the College of Education Chapter in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010.** Posted on the Faculty Council web site on April 3, 2008, on a no-protest basis. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on April 10, 2008. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on April 11, 2008. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on May 5, 2008. Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on May 21, 2008.

D 6197

**Educational Policy Committee Motion on Rules for Designation as “College Scholars” and “Distinguished College Scholars.”** Posted on the Faculty Council web site on April 9, 2008. Presented to the Faculty Council at its meeting on April 14, 2008. Approved by the Council at its meeting on May 5, 2008. Transmitted to the president on May 6, 2008. In a letter dated May 20, 2008, President Powers asked Provost Leslie for his recommendations regarding this legislation. In a letter to the president dated July 21, 2008, Provost Leslie recommended approval. Approved by the president on August 6, 2008.

D 6200-6202

**Addition of a Major Requirement to the Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders in the College of Communication Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010.**
Changes to the Internal Transfer to an Engineering Major in the School of Engineering Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on April 16, 2008. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on April 23, 2008. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on April 24, 2008. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on May 5, 2008. Final approval received from the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on May 16, 2008.


Proposed Change to the Minimum Number of Hours in the Long Session in the School of Engineering Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on April 16, 2008. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on April 23, 2008. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on April 24, 2008. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on May 5, 2008. Final approval received from the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on May 16, 2008.

Proposed Changes to the Allowable Science Elective for the Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in the School of Engineering Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010. Posted on the Faculty Council web site on April 16, 2008. Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on April 23, 2008. Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on April 24, 2008. Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on May 5, 2008. Final approval received from the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on May 16, 2008.

D 6215  
Cancellation of Summer Meetings of the Faculty Council.  
Posted on the Faculty Council website on April 16, 2008.  
Approved by the Faculty Council at its meeting on May 5, 2008.  
Transmitted to the president for his information.  
No further action is required.

D 6216-6217  
Proposed Reduction of Hours for Completion of the Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Sciences in the College of Natural Sciences Chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010.  
Posted on the Faculty Council website on April 23, 2008.  
Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on May 1, 2008.  
Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on May 2, 2008.  
Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on May 6, 2008.  
Final approval received from the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on May 16, 2008.

D 6229-6231  
Addition of a Required Skills-Related Course to the Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree in the Law School Catalog, 2008-2010.  
Posted on the Faculty Council website on April 28, 2008.  
Approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on May 1, 2008.  
Transmitted to the provost on behalf of the president on May 5, 2008.  
Approved by the provost and transmitted to the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on May 6, 2008.  
Approved by the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs on May 21, 2008.
Summary, Mike Allen, associate registrar, June 7, 2006

DATE:       June 7, 2006
TO:         Lucia Gilbert, Vice Provost
FROM:       Mike Allen, Interim Registrar
RE:         Implementation issues regarding Faculty Council (D 4779-4780) pertaining to the definition of University Honors

On May 9, 2006, the Educational Policy Committee of the Faculty Council passed a revised motion pertaining to award of University Honors for students in their graduating semester. The motion is contained in document numbers D 4779-4780. The significant revisions to the legislation were the addition of the following text:

Students, who graduated at the end of the current semester, can receive University Honors by either meeting the above criteria or:

- Earned University Honors in the immediately preceding two long semesters
- Earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 in courses completed in residence in the current semester
- Have no incomplete grades (symbol X) in any course taken in residence.

The following is an analysis of the implementation issues related to this set of criteria.

1. Certification of graduation is not completed until approximately ten days after end-of-semester grade processing takes place. This timing issue impacts the following:

   a. Award of University Honors under this set of criteria to graduating students would occur as a separate process about two weeks after normal grade processing is complete.

   b. University Honors would not appear on grade reports of graduating students because these reports are produced in batch runs as part of end-of-semester grade processing, prior to certification of graduation.

   c. Transcripts of graduating students receiving University Honors under this second set of criteria would not include University Honors until a final


certified list of graduates was received by the Office of the Registrar and additional processing took place. These timing issues could be important to a student.

d. Lists of students receiving University Honors, which are distributed to colleges and departments within the University, could either be delayed until all University Honors are calculated, or updated to include graduating students receiving honors at a later date, as we currently do for students whose University honors are changed as a result of post semester grade changes.

2. Incorporating multiple semesters as part of the criteria for determining University Honors significantly complicates both the initial award of University Honors and the processing of grade changes in the following manner:

a. Students who received University Honors under the second set of criteria would need to be identified and tracked separately from students who received University Honors by meeting the normal criteria because subsequent grade changes could have different impacts on these two populations. It would take some analysis to determine how much administrative and technical staff time would be required to achieve this objective. Preliminary analysis indicates it would be a very complicated task and it would consume substantial resource to accommodate the second set of criteria.

b. With respect to processing grade changes, it is possible for grade changes to be processed after a student graduates. Grade change processes would need to be modified with an eye toward potential impact on students that received University Honors under the second set of criteria. Considerations would include:

   i. A grade change, which currently has the potential to delete or add University Honors to previous semesters, could under the second set of criteria, affect University Honors not only for the semester in which the grade is changed, but also University Honors that were dependent upon previous semesters. Although the incidence of this circumstance would be relatively low, each of the 12,000 grade changes processed annually would need to be processed in a manner that considered this possibility, or simply tolerate a certain percentage of inaccuracy in student records.

   ii. Automating this logic would be a very substantial undertaking, and it would be a complicated and costly approach to awarding University Honors to a relatively small population of students.
In summary, this revision of University Honors criteria presents significant challenges that would be resource intensive to implement and sustain over time. The use of multiple semester criteria for determining honors eligibility is particularly problematic. We would urge consideration of other approaches that would result in a less complicated approach and still maintain the intent of the legislation.