

MINUTES OF UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL

August 30, 2011

247 Humanities

Present: Laura Brown, Brandy Cartmell, Doug Cook, Bryan Foltz, Chuck Hammond, Nathan Howard, Jeff McCullough, Robert Nanney for Mike McCullough, Robert Nanney, Victoria Seng for Jerald Ogg, Eric Pelren, Tracy Rutledge, Michael Spaulding, Wesley Totten, Brian Wagner

Chair Brian Wagner called the meeting to order at 3 pm. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Residency (75% of upper division course work in major)—Motion for creation of an ad hoc committee was approved. Committee members will be Cartmell, Howard, Rutledge (chair), Seng, and Totten. Committee will 1) study the wide variance among programs, 2) address the need for more consistency and simplification of policy, and 3) consider the problems facing transfer students. Committee will submit a proposal at the next Council meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**STUDENT REQUESTS**

The following request was **approved**.

1. Adam Barker allow BIOL 112 to satisfy 4 hr Biol & Phys Sys reqt; allow Hum Eco and lab to satisfy 4 hr Biol & Phys Sys reqt

**OTHER**

1. International baccalaureate (IB) credit—Seng presented information regarding a request for acceptance of IB credit. UTM does not recognize IB credit but several institutions in our region do (U of Memphis, UTK, UTC, Union, and Vanderbilt among others). Motion carried to investigate the issue of IB credit. Items to be considered include pass/fail versus letter grade and how IB credit compares to AP credit. Cartmell will gather information from other registrars regarding IB credit.
2. College degree appeals reports were accepted from CBGA, CEHB, CENS, and CHFA. Concern was expressed regarding the number and kinds of exceptions in CEHB. Consensus of the Council was to recommend that colleges review their programs for patterns of exception and determine if curriculum needs adjustment to allow for greater flexibility. The high number of course substitutions has the potential for negative review by accrediting agencies and is an issue that must be addressed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:39 pm.

  
Submitted by Victoria Seng

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Date