

MINUTES

COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

November 27, 1978
Board Room - Burruss Hall

PRESENT: Dr. R. J. Nurse, Vice Chairman; Deans Atwell, Bonham, Ford, Gray, Humphreyville, Lacy, Regan, and Stout; Professors Fu, Leininger, Miller, Teates, Vasey, and Zody; Senators Kennedy and VanLandingham; Student Representatives T. Fearnow and M. D. Pace. Visitor - Dr. Sandra Sullivan, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs.

ABSENT: Provost J. D. Wilson; Professor N. Eiss; Senator J. P. Marshall; Student Representatives E. Bryan and C. Helm.

1. The agenda was approved
2. Minutes of November 13 were approved with a correction. Reason for course number BAd 4031 being changed to BAd 4360 was that non-sequential courses must end in "0", not that special problems courses must end in "0".
3. Report of University Council meeting was given by Dr. Nurse.
4. Course/program approval requests

AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES

Tabled pending
CONAP report Minor in Agricultural Economics (Agribusiness) -
Effective immediately.
Agribusiness is an option within Agricultural Economics. The possible proliferation of minors if they carry option titles was mentioned as being undesirable. On the other hand, the value of having the minor in a specific option is in having it show on a student's transcript. Action was deferred pending CONAP's interpretation of the policy that a minor may be given in an area in which there is a major.

Accepted Minor in Horticulture - effective immediately.
A question was raised regarding why minors are reported to CUS since approval is not involved. CUS currently accepts "for the record only." CONAP will consider whether CUS approval should be required for minor degree programs.

ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN STUDIES

Modification of Building Construction degree program -
Effective Fall, 1979

Approved

Summary of Building Construction Curriculum Changes.
However, course deletions shown will be deferred until
further notice. Currently enrolled students may meet
new option or former option requirements.

Approved with
exceptions
noted

Summary of Building Construction Course Requests:
Provided number 4125 is changed; it may not end in
a "5", and course 4100 number is changed; it has
been in use this year and may not be used for a
period of 5 years.

ARTS AND SCIENCES

Approved

ROTC (Air Force) title changes - Effective Fall, 1979
Modification in ROTC (Air Force) course titles -
Nature of change - addition of separate descriptive titles
to each of their four three-course sequences:

From: AS 100, AFROTC 1111, 1112, 1113
To: AS 1111, 1112, 1113, The Air Force Today

From: AS 200, AFROTC 2111, 2112, 2113
To: AS 2111, 2112, 2113, Air Power Development

From: AS 300, AFROTC 3211, 3212, 3213
To: AS 3211, 3212, 3213, Air Force Management and
Leadership

From: AS 400, AFROTC 4211, 4212, 4213
To: AS 4211, 4212, 4213, National Security Forces in
Contemporary American Society

Credits remain the same.

Publishing the proper course titles will enable readers
to determine course content more effectively.

5. Report on 1978 Summer Orientation Program was accepted. Comments on the program were made by both Dr. Nurse and by Dr. Sandra Sullivan. About 90% of the entering freshmen attend one of the orientation programs; a slightly smaller percentage of transfers attend. Provost Wilson will participate in the 1979 program commenting on the purpose of a college education.

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6. Literacy Subcommittee report - Dr. Nurse indicated Dr. Eastman, Dr. Gefvert and Dr. Hayhoe had re-worded the questionnaire for faculty. It will be presented for consideration at the next CUS meeting.
7. CADAP - no report
8. CONAP - Dr. Zody indicated CONAP will consider the following matters in the rest of the academic year giving them priority in the order named. Items b through g are taken from the University's Self-Study:
 - a. Re-assessment of CUS's role in the establishment of minor degree programs.
 - b. That in contemplation of any further increase in enrollment, the desirability of raising admission standards and/or increasing the percentage of out-of-state students be considered.
 - c. That alternatives to the present University and departmental honors programs be considered that would broaden the constituency of these programs and raise the level of the University's intellectual opportunities.
 - d. That the University study the effect of the increase in class size in recent years on the quality of instruction and take appropriate action.
 - e. That the University take measures to counteract the trend toward grade inflation.
 - f. That efforts be made to secure the same level of funding for summer school as for the regular academic year.
 - g. That the University take appropriate steps to improve the academic environment.
 - h. That the University determine the extent of duplication of subject matter among courses and reduce undesirable duplication wherever it exists.
9. CORAE - no report
10. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

T. R. Humphreyville
Secretary

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