

University Undergraduate Academic Council 2011-2012

Faculty Commons Room 250

October 19, 2011

Minutes

Present: K. Cukrowski, M. Atkinson, E. Brokaw, J. Holland, C. Niccum, D. Pemberton, D. Perkins, K. Pybus, M. Riggs, S. Stewart, Q. Xu, B. Herridge (eo), R. Ashlock (eo), J. Haseltine, D. Snider, R. Towell

Absent: P. Lakey, G. Saltsman (eo), J. Weaver (eo), S. Hamm (eo)

Guests: P. Piersall, J. Stephenson

The meeting began at 3:30 p.m. with a prayer from Sam Stewart.

Motion to approve minutes from October 5, 2011; seconded; all in favor; none opposed.

P. Piersall stated that he hoped the committee would consider keeping Dead Day as his department uses Dead Day for their juries. He stated that it was very difficult prior to last spring to do juries on a Saturday.

J. Stephenson stated that on Dead Day he and other faculty prepare for finals. The Honor's College uses Dead Day as a time for professor/student interaction. In doing research, some schools call it Study or Reading Day. Council would like to change the name to Reading Day.

There was a consensus to leave the English block first on all 3 schedules to allow time for grading and change the notation at the bottom to read, "All evening classes (starting at 6:00 p.m. or later) will have exams during the regularly scheduled class period." There was a suggestion to have Dead Day on the Friday before finals. Bart will research to see if the Texas Board of Higher Education counts the semester by days or by weeks.

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Motion to approve; seconded; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes

Criteria for Admissions to Teacher Education:

A 240 on the THEA will meet the department's writing requirement.

Motion to approve; seconded; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes

Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Nine hours will need to be developed and it is very similar to the Physics Track. The program is limited to 15 or 20 additional students.

Motion to approve; seconded; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes

Council wants the Curriculum Approval Chart to match the Faculty Handbook. There is nothing stated that a degree has to be voted on. It would be an informational item, but the Board of Trustees should be notified.

Motion to amend the Curriculum Approval Chart to match the Trustee Policy Manual and change the board vote from an 'A' to an 'I'; seconded; all in favor; none opposed.

Dr. Pemberton informed council that they now have a Teacher Education Council which meets prior to the college council.