

Academic Council
January 9, 2008

1 President's Report

2. Speaker's Report

3. FAC Report

4. Approval of Minutes

New Business

1. Report on results of email ballots

BALLOT:

1.1. Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees.

These students have applied for graduation and have been reviewed by the Office of Records. The Office of Records declared that all of these students will be eligible for graduation upon the completion of the current semester's work at the necessary levels. I request, therefore, that the Academic Senate certify these students to graduate upon receipt of final grades, and notification of completion of other requirements, provided that the grades are consistent with the standards for graduation prescribed by this University. I also request that the Academic Senate certify those students designated as eligible to graduate with honors upon completion of coursework and requirements consistent with the standards for honors at the levels offered by this University.
Approved

1.2. Candidates for Graduate Degrees.

These students have applied for graduate degrees and have been reviewed by the Graduate Dean. The Graduate Dean certifies that all of these students will be eligible for the degrees indicated upon satisfactory completion of the current semester's work. I request, therefore, that the Academic Senate certify these students to receive the degrees as indicated upon receipt of final grades and notification of completion of other requirements, provided that the grades received are consistent with the standards for credit prescribed by this University.
Approved

1.3. Committee appointments (these can be taken as motions made by the Academic Council).

Primary motion: to agree to this procedure in lieu of explicit authorization in the last Senate meeting.

Approved. 1 nay.

if you vote to approve the procedure, the subordinate motions are:

1.4 As Chair of the Committee on Faculty Mentoring, for which the Senate had previously approved Melanie Spence, appoint Don Arbuckle. Dr. Arbuckle is a continuing member. (Dr. Spence has declined the appointment.)

Approved

1.5 As Vice Chair of the Committee for Faculty Mentoring, replace Rachel Croson with Rym Mili. (Dr. Mili is newly appointed, as is Dr. Croson. Dr. Croson is willing to serve but cannot serve as Vice-chair.)

Approved

1.6., On the Library Committee, replace Gail Breen as Vice-Chair and as member with Yuri Garstein. (Dr. Breen was approved by the Senate but is unable to serve.)

Approved

1.7. Move to approve the changes to the charge of the Parking and Transport Committee. These changes were requested by Chief Ridge. She would like this done as quickly as possible in order to call the committee together and put them to work. The aim of the changes is to make the committee smaller and make its representation more balanced across staff, faculty, and students. The Academic Council recommends the changes be adopted. The amendments make the voting membership of the committee two faculty, two staff, and two students. The full text is on the Senate website.

Approved.

1.8 New Degree Proposals from the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences.

These came in unexpectedly after we had agreed not to meet, and we have been asked by the Provost to place them in this ballot because it will not be possible to get them through the Coordinating Board and Regent's meetings schedules in time to start next fall if we wait until our January meeting. The Academic Council has agreed to do so. They have been reviewed by the CEP and the CEP recommends approval. Essentially,

they represent a new departure for UTD that the Political Science faculty thinks is worth trying, a set of explicit “micro-degrees” –degrees within a discipline for which there is a specific and well defined demand.

Approved

2. Proposal for MS in Finance
3. Proposal for BA in Emerging Media and Communications.
Attachment: CB form.
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5. Motion to endorse feasibility study for UTD child care facility.
Attachment: email from Jaqueline A. Long
6. Reports of study by Dean Coleman of students’ progress in Calculus courses.
Attachment: Three reports.
7. Disabilities representation on Parking and Transport Committee.
No attachment: President Daniel will discuss.
8. Presentation by Rick Dempsey to Senate on new building plans.
9. Discussion by Dean Cunningham of ESL issues with Senate.
10. Discussion by Jim Gary of WebCT and PeopleSoft updates.
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Possible additional items from CEP:

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Attachment: Biology Course Descriptions (with amendments).

14 Senate Agenda:

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16. Adjournment