

Memo

To: Academic Senate Members
From: Vicki Carlisle
Date: 3/23/2010
Re: Agenda Item #7 – CEP Proposal for undergraduate catalog

Dean Coleman sent the following information which may prove helpful in your review of the undergraduate catalog prior to tomorrow's Senate meeting:

Opening each folder will reveal additional folders representing each of the academic units. Opening the A&H folder within Academic Units will reveal program descriptions and degree plans for each of the programs in A&H. Opening the corollary folder within Courses will reveal files that contain course descriptions for each of the disciplinary areas that have been vetted by the Office of the Registrar.

Academic Units (Most changes are housekeeping)

Arts & Humanities

The new minor in Global Communication was added. All degree plan requirements were audited which resulted in minor changes in several programs regarding footnotes and course locations.

Behavioral & Brain Sciences

All changes are housekeeping.

Engineering & Computer Science

The minor in Nanoscience and Technology is included.

ECS & ENGR prefixes have been added to eliminate many cross-listed classes.

A disclaimer was added to degree plans specifying that some classes could not be used to meet the free elective requirements within ECS degrees.

Economic, Political & Policy Sciences

The new degree in Geospatial Information Sciences is included.

Requirements within each major offered by EPPS now include a course with a comparative or international focus and a course focusing on distributive justice.

Criminology has renumbered some upper-division classes as lower-division classes to be consistent with the Academic Course Guide Manual published by The Higher Education

Coordinating Board of Texas. Additional information on the requirements of the Fast-Track programs within EPPS is included.

Interdisciplinary Studies

Offering new courses with a HLTH prefix in support of the minor in Health Careers.

The Teacher Education section now includes mention of UTEACH.

Management

Three new undergraduate degrees are including pending approval (no new classes added). If the school does not receive approval the degrees will be removed. The degrees are:

Global Business
Management Information Systems
Marketing

Three new minors are also described:

Business Intelligence and Analytics
Enterprise Systems
Marketing and Organizational Behavior
Entrepreneurship has been retitled as Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Natural Sciences & Mathematics

Within this folder are multiple files representing many of the academic disciplines individually.

The new degree in Actuarial Science is included.

The new Biomedical Certificate is included.

Geosciences has, in concert with UTEACH, reconstructed the BA in Geosciences as a composite science major that, along with the UTEACH curriculum, leads to teacher certification at the secondary level.

Courses

The academic unit folders nested within the Courses folder contain separate files representing the descriptions of the courses offered by discipline. The IS courses offered by all academic units are included under interdisciplinary studies. The file titles include the academic unit and then the discipline. All changes have been vetted by the Office of the Registrar. Changes are mostly of the following types:

New courses
Courses removed
Changes in prerequisites or corequisites
Change from upper to lower division
Changes that reflect sequential classes