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Maurie McInnis  
Executive Vice President and Provost  
The University of Texas at Austin  
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Approved by Executive Vice President and  
Provost Maurie McInnis on April 21, 2017

Dear Dr. McInnis:

Enclosed for your consideration and action are proposed changes to the Moody College of Communication chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020*. The legislation was classified as being of *exclusive* interest to only one college or school and was approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on March 27, 2017. The authority to grant final approval on these changes resides with your office.

- Proposed Changes to the Minors Section of the Moody College of Communication Chapter in *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020* (D 15021-15023).

Please let me know if you have questions or if I can provide other information concerning these items.

Sincerely,

Alan W. Friedman, Secretary of the General Faculty and Faculty Council  
The University of Texas at Austin  
Arthur J. Thaman and Wilhelmina Doré Thaman Professor of English and Comparative  
Literature

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Enclosure

cc: Lydia A. Cornell, Administrative Program Coordinator, Provost's Office  
Michelle K. George, Administrative Manager for Faculty Affairs, Provost's Office  
Mark E. Bernstein, Associate Dean, Moody College of Communication  
Brenda A. Schumann, Associate Registrar

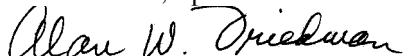
**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MINORS SECTION OF THE MOODY COLLEGE OF  
COMMUNICATION CHAPTER IN THE *UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG 2018-2020***

Dean Jay Bernhardt in the Moody College of Communication has filed with the Secretary of the Faculty Council the following changes to the Minors section in the Moody College of Communication chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020*. On October 13, 2015, the Dean, Chairs, Directors, Associate and Assistant Deans approved the proposal. The secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of *exclusive* interest to only one college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the certificate on March 1, 2017, and forwarded it to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with the Provost on behalf of the President.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by March 27, 2017.



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COMMUNICATION CHAPTER IN THE *UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG 2018-2020***

**TYPE OF CHANGE:**     Academic Change  
                                Degree Program Change (THECB form required)

**PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION**  Exclusive     General     Major

**1. IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IS YES, THE COLLEGE MUST CONSULT LINDA DICKENS, DIRECTOR OF ACCREDITATION AND ASSESSMENT, TO DETERMINE IF SACSCOC APPROVAL IS REQUIRED.**

- Is this a new degree program? Yes  No
- Is this program being deleted? Yes  No
- Does the program offer courses that will be taught off campus? Yes  No
- Will courses in this program be delivered electronically? Yes  No

**2. EXPLAIN CHANGE TO DEGREE PROGRAM AND GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CHANGE:**

The Moody College wishes to limit the number of minors or certificates our students may declare, and to require them to declare a minor or certificate prior to completing 65% of their degree requirements.

1. Limiting the number of minors/certificates Moody College of Communication students may pursue will help Moody College students stay on track to graduate in four years.
2. Requiring Moody College students to declare a minor or certificate before they have reached 65% of their progress toward degree will encourage the students to decide early in their college career what minor or certificate they wish to pursue, thus allowing them to begin taking the coursework as early as possible. This will also help Moody College students stay on track to graduate in four years.

**3. THIS PROPOSAL INVOLVES: (Please check all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Courses in other colleges                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Courses in proposer's college that are frequently taken by students in other colleges                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Flags  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course in the core curriculum                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Change in course sequencing for an existing program   | <input type="checkbox"/> Courses that have to be added to the inventory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change in admission requirements (external or internal) | <input type="checkbox"/> Requirements not explicit in the catalog language (e.g., lists of acceptable courses maintained by department office) |   |

**4. SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE:**

- a. Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? Yes  No   
If yes, then how would you do so?
- b. Do you anticipate a net change in the number of students in your college? Yes  No   
If yes, how many more (or fewer) students do you expect?
- c. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from outside of your college taking classes in your college? Yes  No   
If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.
- d. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from your college taking courses in other colleges? Yes  No   
If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.

**If 4 a, b, c, or d was answered with yes, please answer the following questions:**

**If the proposal has potential budgetary impacts for another college/school, such as requiring new sections or a non-negligible increase in the number of seats offered, at least one contact must be at the college-level.**

How many students do you expect to be impacted?

Impacted schools must be contacted and their response(s) included:

Person communicated with:

Date of communication:

Response:

- e. Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum or other basic education requirements (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? If yes, explain: NO

**If yes, Undergraduate Studies must be informed of the proposed changes and their response included:**

Person communicated with:

Date of communication:

Response:

- f. Will this proposal change the number of hours required for degree completion? NO

Note: THECB Semester Credit Hour Change Form required, download from URL:

<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/reports/DocFetch.cfm?DocID=2419&format=doc>

If yes, explain:

#### **5. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS**

Department approval date: n/a

Approved by whom: n/a

College approval date: October 13, 2015

Approved by whom: Chairs, Directors, Associate and Assistant Deans

Dean approval date: October 13, 2015

Approved by whom: Jay Bernhardt, Dean

#### **PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:**

##### **Minors and Certificates**

While a minor is not required as part of any communication degree program, the student may choose to complete a minor in any field to which he/she gains entry. A student may declare only one minor or certificate to supplement his/her Moody major(s); exceptions must be approved by the Dean. Moody students must declare their minor/certificate intentions before they have completed 65% of their degree requirements, as indicated on the Interactive Degree Audit (IDA); exceptions must be approved by the Dean.

The transcript-recognized undergraduate academic minor must be completed in conjunction with an undergraduate degree at the University of Texas at Austin. For more information regarding the requirements for achieving a minor, including a comprehensive list of minors, please visit the Minors and Certificate Programs section of the *Undergraduate Catalog*.