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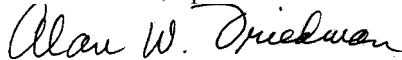
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GRADUATION SECTION IN THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES CHAPTER IN THE *UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG 2018-2020*

Dean Linda A. Hicke in the College of Natural Sciences has filed with the Secretary of the Faculty Council the following proposal to change the Graduation section in the College of Natural Sciences chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020*. On September 20, 2017, the Course and Curriculum Committee and Associate Dean David Vanden Bout, on behalf of Dean Hicke, approved the proposal. The Secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of exclusive interest to one college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the proposal on September 14, 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 January 15, 2018.

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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:**

   Graduation

   Special Requirements of the College: Add Bachelor of Science and Arts degree in the statement that the degree requires 60 hours in residence, including 18 hours in the major. Remove "summer session" when stating when degrees can be awarded.
   Reason: Updating to include BSA degree in statement about BA degree (60 hours in residence and 18 hours in the major in residence). This might be misinterpreted by students to think that degrees may be awarded after the first summer session.

   Applying for Graduation: Remove "summer session" when stating when degrees can be awarded.
   Reason: This might be misinterpreted by students to think that degrees may be awarded after the first summer session.

   Degrees and Programs: Increase major hours of the Bachelor of Science and Arts to up to 55 hours.
   Reason: The Biology major was increased in the 2016-18 catalog without updating this statement. Correction to clarify maximum major hours.

3. **THIS PROPOSAL INVOLVES (Please check all that apply)**
   - ☐ Courses in other colleges
   - ☐ Courses in proposer's college that are frequently taken by students in other colleges
   - ☐ Flags
   - ☐ Course in the core curriculum
   - ☐ Change in course sequencing for an existing program
   - ☐ Courses that have to be added to the inventory
   - ☐ Change in admission requirements (external or internal)
   - ☐ 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 <u>students from outside</u> of your college taking <u>classes in your college</u>? 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 <u>students from your college</u> taking <u>courses in other colleges</u>?   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:
    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?
    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**
    College approval date: September 20, 2017   Course and Curriculum Committee
    Dean approval date: September 20, 2017   David Vanden Bout, Associate Dean for
                                                        Undergraduate Education

PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:

GRADUATION

Special Requirements of the College

All students must fulfill the General Requirements for graduation. Students in the College of Natural Sciences must also fulfill the following requirements.
1. The University requires that the student complete in residence at least <u>sixty</u> [60] semester hours of the coursework counted toward the degree. For the Bachelor of Arts, Plan I, <u>and the Bachelor of Science and Arts,</u> these <u>sixty</u> [60] hours must include at least <u>eighteen</u> [18] hours in the major.
2. The University requires that at least six semester hours of advanced coursework in the major be completed in residence. Additional hours in the professional or major sequence in many cases are required by individual natural sciences degree programs.
3. A candidate for a degree must be registered in the College of Natural Sciences either in residence or in absentia the semester [or summer session] the degree is to be awarded. Graduation applications must be submitted no later than the date given in the academic calendar. The application and supplemental in absentia instructions are available via the College of Natural Sciences website.

Applying for Graduation

An electronic degree audit is created for each student each semester. The student should view the audit through IDA, the University's Interactive Degree Audit system. The degree audit tells the student the courses he or she must take and the requirements he or she must fulfill to receive the degree. The degree audit normally provides an accurate statement of requirements, but the student is responsible for knowing the requirements for the

degree as stated in a catalog under which he or she is eligible to graduate and for registering so as to fulfill all these requirements. The student should speak with his or her assigned academic adviser before registering if in doubt about any requirement.

In the semester [~~or summer session~~] in which the degree is to be conferred, the candidate must be registered at the University and must file an online graduation application form via the graduation section of the College of Natural Sciences website. This should be done during the first week of classes, if possible, but in no event later than the deadline to apply for an undergraduate degree; this date is given in the official academic calendar. No degree will be conferred unless the graduation application form has been filed on time.