

## DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**SECRETARY'S REPORT  
JANUARY 22, 2018**

**I. COMMENTS**—None.**II. MEMORIAL RESOLUTION COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT.**

On January 16, 2018, President Fenves appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **Wayne A. Danielson**, Professor Emeritus and former Dean, Moody College of Communication: Paula M. Poindexter (Chair), Maxwell E. McCombs, and Stephen D. Reese.

**III. MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS COMPLETED**—None.**IV. CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL.**

Assistant Professor Robert F. Young (Architecture) passed away unexpectedly on January 6, 2018. Casey A. Boyle (Assistant Professor, Rhetoric and Writing) will serve in his place through August 31, 2019, representing Assistant Professors and Non-Tenured faculty.

Effective December 22, 2017, Professor Sophia Gilmsom (Music) replaced Christina Bain (Art and Art History) who resigned from the Faculty Council due to a class conflict.

Effective January 11, 2018, Professor Naomi Lindstrom (Spanish and Portuguese) replaced Martha G. Newman (Religious Studies) who resigned from the Faculty Council due to a class conflict.

Effective January 11, 2018, Professor Stephen D. Reese (Journalism) replaced Barry Brummett (Communication Studies) who resigned from the Faculty Council due to a class conflict.

**V. STATUS OF LEGISLATION APPROVED BY THE FACULTY COUNCIL OR THE GENERAL FACULTY.****A. ITEMS COMPLETED SINCE THE LAST REPORT.**

D 15523-15528      **Proposed Changes to the Accounting Degree Program in the McCombs School of Business Chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020.***  
Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on November 27, 2017, and classified as legislation of exclusive interest to only one college or school. On December 4, 2017, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and on December 5, 2017, they were transmitted it to Executive Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis for consideration. On December 14, 2018, the Provost granted final approval on behalf of the President.

D 15594-15597      **Proposed Changes to the Psychology Degree Program in the College of Liberal Arts Chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020.***  
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- D 15644-15646      **Resolution to Create a University of Texas System Task Force on Methane Emissions from Hydraulic Fracturing Operations on University Lands (UL).** Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on November 30, 2017. The Faculty Council unanimously endorsed the resolution at its meeting of December 11, 2017. On December 13, 2017, it was transmitted to President Fenves with the request that it be forwarded to Chancellor McRaven.
- D 15651-15655      **Request to Add an Ibero-American Cultural Diversity Certificate to the College of Liberal Arts Chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020*.** Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on December 6, 2017, and classified as legislation of exclusive interest to only one college or school. On December 12, 2017, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and on December 13, 2017, it was transmitted it to Executive Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis for consideration. On December 14, 2017, the Provost granted final approval on behalf of the President.
- D 15656-15703      **Proposed Changes to the Cockrell School of Engineering Chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020*.** Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on December 6, 2017, and classified as legislation of exclusive interest to only one college or school. On December 12, 2017, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and on December 13, 2017, they were transmitted it to Executive Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis for consideration. On December 14, 2017, the Provost granted final approval on behalf of the President.
- Proposed Changes to the Academic Policies and Procedures in the Cockrell School of Engineering (D 15656-15661)
  - Proposed Changes to The Admissions and Registration in The Cockrell School of Engineering (D 15662-15667)
  - Proposed Changes to The Biomedical Engineering Degree Program (D 15668-15679)
  - Proposed Changes to the Computational Engineering Degree Program (D 15680-15686)
  - Proposed Changes to the Degrees and Programs in the Cockrell School of Engineering (D 15687-15693)
  - Proposed Changes to the Graduation in the Cockrell School of Engineering (D 15694-15697)
  - Proposed Changes to the Petroleum Engineering Degree Program (D 15698-15703)
- B. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS—None.
- C. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS COMMISSION ON COLLEGES (SACSCOC)—None.
- D. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD.
- D 15440-15445      **Proposed Changes to the Finance Degree Program in the McCombs School of Business chapter of the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020*.** Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on October 6, 2017, and classified as legislation of general interest to more than one colleges or school. On October 19, 2017, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis. On October 30, 2017, they were transmitted to Executive

Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis for her consideration. On October 31, 2017, Provost McInnis transmitted the legislation to UT System recommending approval, and on January 10, 2018, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs recommended approval and transmitted it to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for final consideration.

D 15557-15562 **Update to the Core Curriculum Course Lists for the 2018-2019 General Information Catalog.** Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on November 7, 2017, and classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school. On November 20, 2017, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis. On November 27, 2017, it was transmitted to Executive Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis for her information. The School of Undergraduate Studies transmitted the legislation to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for final approval.

D 15536-15539  
D 15545-15548 **Proposed Changes to the French and Italian Degree Programs in the College of Liberal Arts Chapter in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020.** Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on October 23, 2017, and classified as legislation of exclusive interest to only one college or school. On October 29, 2017, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and on November 27, 2017, they were transmitted it to Executive Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis for consideration. On November 28, 2017, Provost McInnis approved the legislation and transmitted them to UT System, and on January 10, 2018, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs recommended approval and transmitted it to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for final consideration.

- Proposed changes to the French Degree Program (D 15536-15539)
- Proposed changes to the Italian Degree Program (D 15545-15548)

D 15704-15719 **Proposed Changes to the Cockrell School of Engineering Chapter in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020.** Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on December 6, 2017, and classified as legislation of exclusive interest to only one college or school. On December 12, 2017, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and on December 13, 2017, they were transmitted it to Executive Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis for consideration. On December 14, 2017, Provost McInnis transmitted her recommendation for approval to UT System and to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

- Proposed Changes to the Aerospace Engineering Degree Program (D 15704-15711)
- Proposed Changes to the Civil Engineering Degree Program (D 15712-15719)

E. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR—None.

F. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT—None.

G. ITEMS REFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT TO THE PROVOST FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION.

D 15068-15072 **Proposal to Change the Policy for Transcript-Recognized Certificate Programs in the Undergraduate Catalog to Include the Texas Extended**

**Campus as Approved by the Educational Policy Committee.** Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on April 7, 2017, and classified as general legislation. The proposal was presented to the Faculty Council at its meeting on April 10, 2017. On May 1, 2017, the Faculty Council unanimously approved the legislation by voice vote. On May 2, 2017, it was transmitted to Executive Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis for review and recommendations to the President. On May 8, 2017, Provost McInnis transmitted her recommendation for approval to President Gregory L. Fenves. On May 17, 2017, Provost McInnis recalled the May 8th letter indicating that there were a number of procedural and logistical issues that would need to be resolved before Texas Extended Campus is prepared to offer certificates. Final approval resides with the President.

D 15389-15391

**Proposed Change to the General Information Catalog, Appendix C, Section 11 on Student Discipline and Conduct and to the Faculty Disposition Form as Approved by the Educational Policy Committee.** Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on August 31, 2017, and classified as general legislation. On September 13, 2017, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis. On September 14, 2017, it was transmitted to Executive Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis for review and recommendations to the President. Final approval resides with the President.

D 15598-15635

**Proposed Changes to the College of Liberal Arts Chapter in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020.** Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on November 27, 2017, and classified as legislation of exclusive interest to only one college or school. On December 4, 2017, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and on December 5, 2017, they were transmitted it to Executive Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis for consideration. Final approval resides with the Provost on behalf of the President.

- Proposed Changes to the Core Texts and Ideas Certificate (D 15598-15601)
- Proposed Changes to the English Degree Program (D 15602-15606)
- Proposal to Create a German Certificate (D 15607-15610)
- Proposed Changes to the Human Dimensions of Organization Degree Program (D 15611-15614)
- Proposed Changes to the History Major (D 15615-15619)
- Proposed Changes to the History and Philosophy of Science Degree Program (D 15620-15624)
- Proposed Changes to the UTeach Liberal Arts Degree Program (D 15625-15628)
- Proposed Changes to the Asian Studies Degree Program (D 15629-15632)
- Proposed Changes to the Urban Studies Degree Program (D 15633-15635)

D 15636-15643

**Proposed Changes to the College of Liberal Arts Chapter in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020.** Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on November 27, 2017, and classified as legislation of exclusive interest to only one college or school. On December 4, 2017, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and on December 5, 2017, they were transmitted it to Executive Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis for consideration. Final approval resides with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

- Proposal to Create a Business Spanish Certificate (D 15636-15639)
- Proposal to Create a Spanish for the Medical Professions Certificate (D 15640-15643)

D 15720-15731

**Proposed Changes to the Chemical Engineering Degree in the Cockrell School of Engineering Chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020*.** Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on December 6, 2017, and classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school. On December 19, 2017, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and on December 20, 2017, it was transmitted to Executive Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis for consideration. Final approval resides with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

**VI. LEGISLATION UNDER REVIEW BY THE GENERAL FACULTY—None.**

**VII. LEGISLATION UNDER REVIEW BY THE FACULTY COUNCIL.**

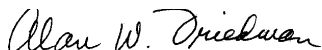
D 15879-15881

**Resolution on Academic Analytics from the Committee of Counsel on Academic Freedom and Responsibility.** Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on January 19, 2018. The resolution will be considered by the Faculty Council at its meeting on January 22, 2018.

**VIII. STATUS OF LEGISLATION NOT APPROVED BY THE FACULTY COUNCIL OR THE GENERAL FACULTY.**

- A. ITEMS DISAPPROVED, TABLED, OR WITHDRAWN—None.
- B. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY STANDING COMMITTEES—None.
- C. ITEMS UNDER REVIEW BY OTHER COMMITTEES—None.

**IX. SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED—None.**



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