

DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**SECRETARY'S REPORT
FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

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

On January 24, 2018, President Fenves appointed the following committee to prepare a memorial resolution for **Thomas W. Kennedy**, Professor, Department of Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering: Randall J. Charbeneau (Chair), Desmond F. Lawler, David R. Maidment, and Norman K. Wagner.

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

Effective January 23, 2018, Professor Michael P. Harney (Spanish and Portuguese replaced Professor Sandford V. Levinson (Government), who represented the College of Liberal Arts on the Faculty Council and resigned due to a class conflict.

Professor Stephen D. Reese (Journalism) who was the runner-up to replace Professor Barry Brummett (Communication Studies) declined to serve due to a class conflict. Effective January 23, 2018, Lalitha Gopalan, Associate Professor, Radio-Television-Film, agreed to serve representing the Moody College of Communication through August 31, 2018.

Effective January 22, 2018, Kareem T. Mostafa (Graduate Student Representative) resigned from the Faculty Council due to a class conflict. His replacement is to be determined.

Effective February 2, 2018, Professor Andrea C. Gore replaced Professor Richard A. Morrisett who resigned from the Faculty Council and was the College of Pharmacy representative.

On February 5, 2018, Kimberly Sullivan (Staff Council Representative) replaced Ana L. Aguilar who left the University.

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

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. On January 16, 2018, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board granted final approval.

D 15536-15539 **Proposed Changes to the French and Italian Degree Programs in the**

- D 15545-15548 **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. On January 16, 2018, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board granted final approval.
- Proposed changes to the French Degree Program (D 15536-15539)
 - Proposed changes to the Italian Degree Program (D 15545-15548)
- 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. On January 29, 2018, Provost McInnis granted final approval 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 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. On January 8, 2018, President Fenves transmitted the resolution to Chancellor McRaven.
- D 15753-15756 **Proposed Changes to School of Architecture Chapter of the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020*.** Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on January 8, 2018, and classified as legislation of exclusive interest to only one college or school. On January 15, 2018, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and on January 19, 2018, they were transmitted it to Executive Vice President and

Provost Maurie McInnis for consideration. On January 29, 2018, Provost McInnis granted final approval on behalf of the President.

- Proposed Changes to the Admission (D 15753-15756)
- Proposed Changes to the General Information (D 15757-15760)
- Proposed Changes to the Graduation (D 15761-15763)
- Proposed Changes to the BSAS (D 15764-15769)
- Proposed Changes to the Landscape Studies Minor (D 15770-15773)

D 15774-15793

Proposed Changes to the School of Architecture Chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020*. Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on January 8, 2018, and classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school. On January 22, 2018, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and on January 23, 2018, they were transmitted it to Executive Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis for consideration. On January 29, 2018, Provost McInnis granted final approval on behalf of the President.

- Proposed Changes to the Plan II Dual Degree Program (D 15774-15780)
- Proposed Changes to the Architecture Degree Program (D 15781-15786)
- Proposed Changes to the BA of Science in Architectural Engineering Dual Program (D 15787-15793)

D 15804-15807

Proposed Changes to the Theatre and Dance Degree Program in the College of Fine Arts Chapter of the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020*. Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on January 8, 2018, and classified as legislation of exclusive interest to only one college or school. On January 15, 2018, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and on January 19, 2018, they were transmitted it to Executive Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis for consideration. On January 29, 2018, Provost McInnis granted final approval on behalf of the President.

D 15812-15815

Proposed Changes to the Forensic Science Certificate in the College of Natural Sciences Chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020*. Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on January 8, 2018, and classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school. On January 22, 2018, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and on January 23, 2018, the proposal was transmitted it to Executive Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis for consideration. On January 29, 2018, Provost McInnis granted final approval on behalf of the President.

D 15816-15845

Proposed Changes to College of Natural Sciences Chapter of the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020*. Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on January 8, 2018, and classified as legislation of exclusive interest to only one college or school. On January 15, 2018, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and on January 19, 2018, they were transmitted it to Executive Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis for consideration. On January 29, 2018, Provost McInnis granted final approval on behalf of the President.

- Proposed Changes to the Academic Policies and Procedures (D 15816-15824)
- Proposed Changes to the Courses Section (D 15825-15827)
- Proposed Changes to the Degrees Program Section (D 15828-15831)
- Proposed Changes to the General Information Section (D 15832-15836)

- Proposed Changes to the Graduation Section (D 15837-15840)
- Proposed Changes to the Applied Statistical Modeling Certificate (D 15841-15845)
- Proposed Changes to the Bachelor of Science and Arts (D 15846-15850)

D 15851-15854 **Proposed Changes to the Skills and Experience Flags in the School of Undergraduate Studies Chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020*.** Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on January 8, 2018, and classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school. On January 22, 2018, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and on January 23, 2018, the proposal was transmitted it to Executive Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis for consideration. On January 29, 2018, Provost McInnis granted final approval on behalf of the President.

D 15855-15859 **Proposed Changes to the Bridging Disciplines Programs in the School of Undergraduate Studies Chapter of the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020*.** Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on January 8, 2018, and classified as legislation of exclusive interest to only one college or school. On January 15, 2018, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and on January 19, 2018, the changes were transmitted it to Executive Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis for consideration. On January 29, 2018, Provost McInnis granted final approval on behalf of the President.

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. On January 22, 2018, The Faculty Council unanimously endorsed the resolution and it was transmitted to the Provost on January 23, 2018.

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 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 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. On January 29, 2018, Provost McInnis transmitted her recommendation for approval to UT System and to 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 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)

D 15808-15811

Proposed Changes to the Music Studies Degree Program in the College of Fine Arts Chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020*.

Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on January 8, 2018, and classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school. On January 22, 2018, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and on January 23, 2018, the proposal was transmitted it to Executive Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis for consideration. On January 29, 2018, Provost McInnis transmitted her recommendation for approval to UT System and to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

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. Fennes. 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 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.
- D 15800-15803 **Proposed Changes to the Graduation Section in the McCombs School of Business Chapter of the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020*.** Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on January 8, 2018, and classified as legislation of exclusive interest to only one college or school. On January 15, 2018, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and on January 19, 2018, 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.
- D 15794-15799 **Proposed Changes to the Business Administration Degree Program in the McCombs School of Business Chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020*.** Distributed through the Faculty Council Wiki site on January 8, 2018, and classified as legislation of general interest to more than one college or school. On January 22, 2018, the Faculty Council approved the legislation on a no-protest basis, and on January 23, 2018, the proposal was transmitted it to Executive Vice President and Provost Maurie McInnis for consideration. Final approval resides with the Provost on behalf of the President.

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

VII. LEGISLATION UNDER REVIEW BY THE FACULTY COUNCIL—None.

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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