DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

PROPOSED CHANGES TO MINORS AND CERTIFICATES PROGRAMS SECTION IN THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES SECTION 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 Minors and Certificates Programs 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 January 24, 2018, 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 15, 2018.

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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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1 0 <u>=</u>	Academic Change Degree Program		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?
 - Is this program being deleted?
 - Does the program offer courses that will be taught off campus?
 - Will courses in this program be delivered electronically?

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

Minor and Certificate Programs

4.

Establish a policy for how many transcript-recognized minors and certificates a student may attach to a single degree audit profile.

Reason: Currently, university legislation does not limit the number of transcript-recognized minors/ transcript-recognized certificates a student may seek. The interactive degree audit software has a built-in limit of five separate credentials that may be attached to a single profile. The college is instituting a policy similar to its simultaneous major policy, requiring students to meet with their advisers to discuss the impact of adding more than one credential to their degree and how it would impact their expected date of graduation.

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

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	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)	5
SC	OPE OF PROPOSED CHANG	E	
a.	a. Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools?		Yes 🗌 No 🔀
	If yes, then how would you do se	o?	
b.	Do you anticipate a net change i If yes, how many more (or fewe	Yes 🗌 No 🔀	
c.	Do you anticipate a net increase	(or decrease) in the number of students fr	
	taking classes in your college?		Yes 🗌 No 🔀
		er of students and/or class seats involved.	
d.	•	(or decrease) in the number of students fr	
	courses in other colleges?		Yes 🗌 No 🔀

Yes 🗌	No 🖂
Yes 🗌	No 🖂
Yes 🗌	No 🛛
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 (42hour 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

College approval date:	September 20, 2017
Dean approval date:	September 20, 2017

Course and Curriculum Committee David Vanden Bout, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education

PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:

MINOR AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

In the College of Natural Sciences, only one transcript-recognized minor or transcript-recognized certificate may be declared per major.

A student who wishes to pursue more than one transcript-recognized minor or transcript-recognized certificate per major must consult with his or her academic advisor to get permission from the College. When considering whether to grant an exception and allow pursuit of another transcript-recognized credential, the academic advisor will take into account the student's long-term educational/professional goals and the student's ability to graduate within four years of entering the university.

Students admitted to transcript-recognized certificate and transcript-recognized minor programs must contact their academic advisors to have approved programs added to their degree audit profiles. This allows progress toward the programs to be tracked and ensures that certificates and minors are added to official transcripts upon graduation, if all requirements are met.

Minor {no change}

Certificate Programs {no change}