### DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

# PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BA PLAN I, ASTRONOMY MAJOR 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 Bachelor of Arts, Plan I, Astronomy major in the College of Natural Sciences chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog*, 2018-2020. On February 10, 2017, the Astronomy Executive Undergraduate Studies Committee approved the proposal. On September 6, 2017, the Course and Curriculum Committee and Associate Dean David Vanden Bout, on behalf of Dean Hicke, approved it. 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 February 2, 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 8, 2018.

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Type of Change		<ul><li>✓ Academic Cha</li><li>✓ Degree Progra</li></ul>	nnge m Change (THECF	3 form required)		
Pro	oposed classifica	tion: 🛭 Exclusive	General	☐ Major		
1.	CONSULT LINDA DICKENS, DIRECTOR OF ACCREDITATION AND ASSESSMENT, TO DETERMINE IF SACSCOC APPROVAL IS REQUIRED.					
		w degree program?			Yes ☐ No ☒	
		ram being deleted?			Yes ☐ No ☒	
		ogram offer courses			Yes ☐ No ☒	
	• Will course	es in this program be	delivered electroni	cally?	les □ No □	
2.	EXPLAIN CHANGE TO DEGREE PROGRAM AND GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CHANGE:					
	Remove AST 364 and add AST 364P, Planetary Systems, to the list of approved courses from which students select 2 classes.  Reason: The Registrar required the department to retire AST 364, Solar System Astronomy, and replace it with AST 364P, Planetary Systems, when the department attempted to update the title of AST 364. No change in content.					
3.		SAL INVOLVES (I	Courses in pr	oposer's college that y taken by students in	☐ Flags	
			Change in co an existing pr Requirements catalog langu	urse sequencing for cogram s not explicit in the age (e.g., lists of ourses maintained by	Courses that have to be added to the inventory	
4.	SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE					
	a. Does this proposal impact other		r colleges/schools?		Yes 🗌 No 🔀	
	If yes, then	If yes, then how would you do so?				
		Do you anticipate a net change in the number of students in your colleg If yes, how many more (or fewer) students do you expect?		? Yes ☐ No ⊠		
			rom outside of your college			
	c. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of <u>stude</u> taking <u>classes in your college?</u>			e number of students I	Yes No X	
	If yes, pleased. Do you anti-	se indicate the numb icipate a net increase other colleges?	e (or decrease) in th	or class seats involved.  e number of students for class seats involved.	rom your college taking Yes ☐ No ⊠	

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

Department approval date: February 10, 2017 Astronomy Executive Undergraduate

Studies Committee

College approval date: September 6, 2017 Course and Curriculum Committee

Dean approval date: September 6, 2017 David Vanden Bout, Associate Dean for

Undergraduate Education

### PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:

# **BACHELOR OF ARTS, PLAN I**

{no changes}

# **Prescribed Work**

{no changes}

#### **Electives**

{no changes}

## **Majors and Additional Coursework**

{no changes}

# **Major Requirements**

{no changes}

## **Additional Coursework**

{no changes}

# Astronomy

### Major

The following coursework is required:

- 1. Physics 301 and 101L
- 2. Physics 316 and 116L (Prerequisites: Physics 301 and 101L)
- 3. Physics 315 and 115L (Prerequisites: Physics 316 and 116L)

- 4. Nine semester hours of upper-division coursework in astronomy, including at least two of the following courses: Astronomy 352K, 352L, 353, 358, [364] 364P
- 5. Six additional upper-division hours in astronomy and/or physics

# **Additional Coursework**

{no changes}