

**Minutes of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**  
**May 9, 2012**  
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Members present: Tim Scott (Chair), College of Science; Sarah Bednarz, (Vice-Chair) College of Geosciences; Robert Knight, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; Leslie Feigenbaum, College of Architecture; Christine Bergeron, College Education and Human Development; John Tyler, Dwight Look College of Engineering; Mike Stephenson, College of Liberal Arts; Marty Loudder, Mays Business School; Glenn Jones, Texas A&M University at Galveston; Jim Kracht (for Ann Kenimer), Undergraduate Studies; James Herman, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Guests: Kim Dooley, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; Ashlea Schroeder, Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering; Gretchen Sams, Department of Civil Engineering; Don Collins and Emily Dykes, Environmental Programs, College of Geosciences; Chuck Kenerley and Sam Murdock, Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology; Lisa Ellis, Department of Political Science; Edith Chenault, Department of Veterinary Integrative Biosciences.

The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. The minutes of the April 13, 2012 meeting.
2. New Courses

**POLS 325. African Politics. (3-0). Credit 3.** Survey of African politics from pre-colonial period to contemporary era; examination of local experience of democracy, governance, economic development in light of varied colonial experiences, independence movements, international political economy, informal sources of political power. Prerequisites: POLS 206 and POLS 207; junior or senior classification.

**VIBS 310. Biomedical Writing. (1-0). Credit 1.** Mechanisms by which knowledge is shared among researchers, clinicians and other science professionals, then disseminated to the general public; an assortment of written assignments to develop writing skills specific for communicating scientific concepts to a variety of audiences. Must be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification.

**VIBS 311. Biomedical Explorations through Narrative. (1-0). Credit 1.** Familiarization with the writing style required for biomedical and health science; instruction in writing styles and appropriate techniques to increase and strengthen writing abilities. Must be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. Prerequisite: VIBS 310 or approval of instructor.

3. Withdrawal of Courses

**VTPP 430. Laboratory in Toxicology.**

**College of Education and Human Development**

**EHRD 345. Computer Applications for Training and Development.**

**EHRD 466. Advanced Television Production for Training and Development.**

**KINE 162. Visual and Performing Arts—Ballet III.**

**KINE 166. Visual and Performing Arts—Jazz Dance I.**

**KINE 168. Visual and Performing Arts—Jazz Dance III.**

**KINE 173. Visual and Performing Arts—Modern Dance III.**

**KINE 230. Outdoor Adventure Programs.**  
**KINE 300. Field Experiences in Outdoor Education.**  
**KINE 326. Outdoor Education.**  
**KINE 408. Theory and Practice of Adventure Education.**  
**KINE 409. Logistics and Strategies for Backcountry Expeditions.**  
**KINE 430. Data Acquisition and Management in Health and Kinesiology.**  
**SAED 201. Promoting Safety by Preventing Alcohol and Drug Abuse.**  
**SAED 485. Directed Studies.**

4. Change in Courses

**BAEN 465. Design of Biological Waste Treatment Systems.**

Course description and prerequisites

From: Management and treatment of high organic content wastes, with emphasis on agricultural and food processing wastes; engineering design of biological waste treatment processes; regulatory aspects affecting management of agricultural wastes. Prerequisites: BAEN 365; junior or senior classification.

To: Management and treatment of high organic content wastes streams, with emphasis on agricultural, municipal, and agro-industry wastewater; engineering design of biological waste treatment processes; resource recovery from waste streams; recycle and reuse of finished effluents. Prerequisites: BAEN 302; junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

**ESSM 460. Advanced Remote-Sensing Based Field Survey.**

Course title

From: Advanced Remote-Sensing Based Field Survey.

To: Spatial Data Acquisition with Field Methods.

5. Change in Curriculum

**Dwight Look College of Engineering**  
Zachry Department of Civil Engineering  
B.S. in Civil Engineering

6. Special Consideration

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**  
University Studies Degree  
Area of Concentration – Environmental Business  
Request for a new program

**Dwight Look College of Engineering**  
Zachry Department of Civil Engineering  
B.S. in Ocean Engineering  
Request to change grade requirements

**College of Liberal Arts**

Department of English

Minor in English with Emphasis in Creative Writing

Request to withdraw minor

**College of Science**

Department of Physics and Astronomy

Minor in Physics

Request to change requirements

7. Other Business

- Update on course credit for military veterans from THECB.
- Update on learning outcomes as a syllabus requirement – S.Bednarz updated committee on meeting with Academic Affairs; will follow-up on status.
- Update on Student Rule 7.3 status – J. Herman
- Curriculum changes – future requests should include both catalog copy and Howdy degree evaluation – both should match requested changes; update website with new requirements.
- Prerequisites – new courses/change in courses should not be automatically added to COMPASS (to enforce) when courses are approved; departments should request whether they want prerequisites enforced.
- Galveston common courses – requests for common courses to be taught in Galveston will be submitted to committee as an informational item.
- Possible additional information to include in CARS – whether a course will be considered for core curriculum.