

## UG Council Activities, 2011-12 Academic Year

### **Policy-Related Changes**

- High School Deficiencies policy dropped
- New policy on awarding credit for A- and AS-level examinations (scores will be determined by individual departments in a manner similar to AP, CLEP, and IB exams)
- Policy Revisions
  - Drop and withdrawal policies (minor clarifications)
  - Grade replacement policy (minor clarifications)
  - 30-hour rule (now allows up to two courses outside a student's major to be taken at another institution as long as the student has 25% of coursework for the degree completed at UTK)
  - Universal transfer paths (revised terminology from articulation agreements to universal transfer paths and clarified transfer admission process)

### **Curricular Changes**

- Academic Discipline Changes
  - American Sign Language (ASL) replaced some lower level Educational Interpreting (EI) courses.
  - Latin American Studies (LAMS) changed to Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LAC).
  - Medieval Studies (MDST) changed to Medieval and Renaissance Studies (MRST).
- Department Changes
  - Marketing and Logistics (MKL) changed to Marketing and Supply Chain Management (MCSM).
- Noteworthy Program Changes
  - CASNR
    - New interdisciplinary Watershed Minor
    - New concentration in Conservation Agriculture and Environmental Sustainability (Environmental and Soil Sciences Major)
    - New concentration in Urban Forestry (Forestry Major)
  - Arts and Sciences
    - Sustainability minor moved from Earth and Planetary Sciences department to Interdisciplinary Programs
    - Latin American Studies concentration (Interdisciplinary Programs major) changed to Latin American and Caribbean Studies
    - Latin American Studies minor changed to Latin American and Caribbean Studies
    - Medieval Studies concentration (Interdisciplinary Programs major) changed to Medieval and Renaissance Studies
    - Medieval Studies minor changed to Medieval and Renaissance Studies
    - New concentration in Sustainability (Interdisciplinary Programs major)
    - New 5-Year BA/MA programs in French/Francophone Studies and German
    - New Music—Music Composition minor
    - Four new concentrations in Philosophy:
      - ❖ Legal and Political Philosophy
      - ❖ Honors Legal and Political Philosophy
      - ❖ Philosophy of Science and Medicine
      - ❖ Honors Philosophy of Science and Medicine

- Pre-Professional Programs major, Nuclear Medicine Technology concentration dropped
- New honors concentration in Sociology
- Sociology major, Criminal Justice concentration changed to Criminology and Criminal Justice concentration
- Sociology major, Environmental Issues and Globalization concentration changed to Environmental Issues concentration
- New honors concentration in Theatre
- Business Administration
  - New collateral option in Human Resource Management (Management major)
  - New collateral option in Economics (Logistics major)
  - New collateral option in Human Resource Management (Logistics major)
  - New collateral option in Economics (Marketing major)
  - New collateral option in Human Resource Management (Marketing major)

### **General Education-Related Changes**

- Dr. Hinde asked the committee to consider tying general education requirements (and which courses meet general education) to a catalog year rather than when the course was added or removed from the gen ed list. A subcommittee will be formed to discuss the issue.
- In the interest of full disclosure, all proposals submitted to the subcommittees will be reported to the full committee and available for discussion.
- Personnel Changes
  - Mary McAplin is the new Cultures and Civilizations subcommittee chair.
  - A search for a new Social Science subcommittee chair is ongoing.

### **Carry Over Items**

- The new UTrack policy and a related revision to the advising policy were discussed by the APC, but the proposals were withdrawn until more procedural information is available.
- A new policy related to class attendance and eligibility to make up missed work was passed by the APC (the Council will vote at the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting).
- A procedural framework for reviewing courses not taught in four or more years was rejected. Discussion will resume next year among several committees.
- Some programs no longer comply with THEC's 120-hour mandate. The programs must submit revised programs in the next curricular cycle.
- The Curriculum Committee and the General Education Committee were asked to consider a policy affecting how and when high demand courses could be changed. Overall consensus seems to point toward a recommendation rather than a mandate. The Curriculum Procedures Taskforce was established by Dr. McMillan to discuss this and related issues.