

## Undergraduate Council Summary Report [Monday November 6, 2017 Executive meeting]

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Summary report of the Undergraduate Council, October 17, 2017 (See attached reports)

[http://web.utk.edu/~ugcouncil/public\\_html/docs/minutes/10-17-2017\\_UGCminutes.pdf](http://web.utk.edu/~ugcouncil/public_html/docs/minutes/10-17-2017_UGCminutes.pdf)

### •Academic Policy

The Academic Policy Committee has approved three policy changes:

#### ➤ **Revision to Undergraduate Dean's List Calculation**

The catalog statement regarding Dean's List Honors will be revised to specifically allow the inclusion of grades from graduate coursework in the calculation of these honors.

#### ➤ **Revision to Undergraduate Graduation Honors Calculation**

The catalog statement regarding Honors Categories for Graduation will be revised to specifically allow the inclusion of grades from graduate coursework in the calculation of these honors. In addition, the awarding of graduation honors will be based on the grade point average at the end of the graduation semester.

#### ➤ **Revision to Second Bachelor's Degree Policy**

The catalog statement regarding a second bachelor's degree will be revised to remove the restriction against earning a second bachelor's degree in the same field as a minor earned with a previous bachelor's degree.

The timeline for implementing these changes are as follows:


#### ➤ **Implement immediately**


- ✓ Include grades from graduate coursework in the calculation of Dean's List Honors.
- ✓ Include grades from graduate coursework in the calculation of Honors Categories for Graduation.

#### ➤ **Implement Fall 2018**

- ✓ Award Graduation Honors based on the cumulative grade point average at the end of the graduation semester.
- ✓ Allow students to complete a second bachelor's degree with a major in a field in which they earned a minor with their previous bachelor's degree; petitions will be considered on a case-by-case basis for students completing a second bachelor's degree prior to fall 2018.
- ✓ The undergraduate catalog will be updated to reflect these revisions beginning with the 2018- 2019 catalog.

All items presented by the Academic Policy Committee were approved by the UGC.

 **Advising** Informational and did not require any action by the UGC.

 **Appeals** Informational and did not require any action by the UGC.

### **Curriculum**

The Curriculum Committee submitted proposals from the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences and from the Honors and Scholars Programs. All proposals were approved by the UGC. In addition, one informational item was presented.

### **General Education**

The General Education Committee presented a proposal to allow English 209 to satisfy the Arts and Humanities general education requirement. The proposal was approved by the UGC. In addition, two informational items were presented.

 **Special Report regarding the Peace Corps Prep Program**

- ✓ During the 2016-2017 academic year, the proposal to offer the Peace Corps Prep Program (PCPP) to UT students was approved by the UGC pending approval by the U.S. Peace Corps; when the Peace Corps declined UT's application, the proposal was withdrawn from UT Faculty Senate consideration with the understanding that it would be resubmitted if and when the Peace Corps approved our application.
- ✓ After the Peace Corps' critique of our application, UT edited and resubmitted it to the Peace Corps, addressing all six sectors (categories) rather than only the two previously included in the application.