

Minutes of a Meeting of
The Undergraduate Council
Wednesday, February 14, 1996
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Harold Lang, Chair; Coral Brenneise, Secretary; Gordon Atkins, Morris Brown, Tom Chittick, Linda Closser, Paul Denton, Mary Ann Hofmann, Mailen Kootsey, Pat Mutch, Richard Orrison, Ray Paden, Dave Penner, Laun Reinholtz, Gary Williams

MEMBERS
PRESENT

Gordon Atkins

PRAYER

Approved January 10 minutes.

MINUTES

VOTED to accept the mail ballot results:

GENERAL
EDUCATION
VOTE
95-96, #8

13 yes vs 2 no

MOTION: To approve the new General Education Requirements as stated on the enclosed sheet "Proposed Bulletin Copy of General Education Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Degrees." And to approve the area goal statements and general education courses as described in the enclosed document, Proposed GE Requirements and Course Descriptions."

10 yes vs 5 no

MOTION: That the new General Education Requirements shall become effective with the Freshman class in the fall of 1996.

VOTED to empower the Directors of General Education and of Records to adjust acronyms as needed since the course titles and descriptions have already been voted upon.

ACRONYM
CHANGE
MECHANISM
95-96, #9

General Education still has a number of things to work out. Undergraduate Council would like to see a temporary policy in place which will ease the transition to Andrews for transfer students who arrive during the change over to the new package. For example, currently a sophomore transfer student might be required to take the new package since they just arrived, but they already have GE credits and need numerous exceptions.

General Education committee also is working on departmental transitions from the one package to the next. The General Education Director, Loretta Johns, will be invited to Undergraduate Council meetings as a "non-voting invitee."

Academic Policies Subcommittee brought a revision of the BA and BS degree descriptions for a first reading.

**SIMPLIFIED
DEGREE
STRUCTURE**

The "Emphasis" will either no longer be offered as far as Records or the Diploma statement is concerned or could be recorded by Records if people meet specific requirements but not listed in the bulletin connected with the degree as it is now.

The difference between BA and BS should not be just the presence or absence of language study in the degree, but in the type of field. This document reflects current trends. This makes for a more simplified degree structure.

Minors are not universally required for every degree. This is also the more common trend nationally.

"Concentrations," an almost uniquely Andrews term, are really majors and are described within that concept so that we no longer will use the term.

The term "interdisciplinary" describes a major which connects two areas with a maximum of 90 credits. Members wondered if we didn't need a minimum such as 30 credits from each concerned department to qualify as an "interdisciplinary degree" and not just major and cognates from another field.

A possible next step after passage of this simplified degree structure would be to look at the professional and other non-BA/BS degrees to set minimums, especially in programs which do not have strong accrediting bodies.



Harold Lang, Chair



Coral Brenneise, Secretary

MEMO

Date: January 23, 1996
To: Voting Members of the Undergraduate Council
From: Harold Lang

The new General Education Requirements were discussed during the January 10 meeting of the Undergraduate Council. Because an undergraduate faculty meeting was scheduled on January 17 to discuss the new requirements, we were not ready to take action at the Undergraduate Council meeting. Therefor, it was voted that approval or rejection of the new General Education requirements by the Undergraduate Council is to be done by a mail ballot and that this voting by mail ballot should be done after the January 17 meeting of the undergraduate faculty. It is now time to vote using the enclosed ballot.

As a result of the discussion during January 17 meeting, the personal fitness for sophomore through senior years is being listed as 0-3 so that there are no hidden credit requirements. This effectively makes a total of 81-84 credits for the BS degree and 87-90 for the BA degree.

A copy of the faculty survey is also enclosed.

BALLOT

MOTION: To approve the new General Education Requirements as stated on the enclosed sheet (two sides) "Proposed Bulletin Copy of General Education Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Degrees." And to approve the area goal statements and general education courses as described in the enclosed document, "Proposed GE Requirements and Course Descriptions."

VOTE

YES

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NO

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MOTION: That the new General Education Requirements shall become effective with the Freshman Class in the fall of 1996.

VOTE

YES

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NO

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Return to Harold Lang 0370 by Monday, January 29, 1996

THE BA AND BS

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree is conferred upon the student who has completed the following requirements at the undergraduate level in the arts, humanities and related areas.

The Bachelor of Science (BS) degree is conferred upon the student who has completed the following requirements at the undergraduate level in the sciences, applied sciences and related areas.

DEGREE STRUCTURE

1. A BA/BS major shall consist of a specified set of courses ranging from 45 to 60 credits taken within a single field of study or an interdisciplinary major which combines courses from two or more fields of study not to exceed 90 credits.
2. A minor shall consist of a specified set of courses taken within a field of study consisting of 30 to 32 credits. A minor used for teacher certification that includes courses from more than one field of study shall consist of 30 to 36 credits with no more than 30 credits from a single field of study.
3. BA/BS degree components.
 - A. Major

A major is required of all BA/BS students. It is recommended that at least 25% of its course work be reserved for electives in the major.
 - B. Minor

A minor may be required with the the major.
 - C. Cognates

Cognate courses (which are outside the major/minor, but are related to it) may be required.
 - D. General education

Required courses specified by policy.
 - E. General electives

Courses chosen to broaden the student's academic program.
4. Restrictions

Departments shall not require major, minor and/or cognate requirements in excess of 100 credits.
5. These restrictions may be exceeded only where certification, licensure, professional accreditation or other external requirements clearly make it necessary.