UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes for October 1, 2008

Members Present: Jeanette Clausen, John Hall, Joe Felan, Allison Clark, LaVerne Bell-Tolliver, Jay Sims, Haiyan Xie, Carol Macheak

Members Absent: David Mastin, Sonny Rhodes, Christy Jackson, Mike Tramel

Ex-Officio Members Present: Margaret McClain, alternate for Thea Hoeft, Barbara Alston, Susan Hoffpauri, Kathy Oliverio

Guests: Ronnie Monroe, Teacher Education

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I. Welcome/Announcements

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion made/seconded to approve minutes with minor revisions.
Motion passed
Minutes approved

III. Old Business

College of Education

Teacher Education

1. 09-6001 Change prerequisites in Undergraduate Catalog for SPED 4301, Education of Exceptional Learn

Motion made/seconded for second reading
Discussion
Motion made/seconded/passed to approve
Motion Approved

IV. New Business

Teacher Education

1. 09-6018 Change prerequisite for MCED 4301, Internship I

Motion made/seconded for first reading
Discussion
Tabled
V. Other

1. Science 2 for 1 Rule

Dr. Susan Hoffpauir passed out copies of the language in the Undergraduate Catalog to the council members regarding the science 2 for 1 rule:

Students may substitute four (4) hours of the eight (8)-hour science requirement in the core curriculum with technical courses, with certain conditions. The substitution will be two for one; the student must take two (2) hours of a technical course for every one (1) hour of an approved competency course. A technical course is defined as any science course at the 1000-level or above that is not approved as a core course. Each substitute course must have a laboratory component, and all substitute courses must be from the same discipline. A science course is from the disciplines of anthropology, astronomy, biology, chemistry, earth science, or physics. The remaining four (4) hours of the science competency requirement must be met by an approved core course.

Dr. Hoffpauir discussed the fact that the current policy disadvantages native UALR students since the 4-hour science lab courses taken by transfer students articulate as meeting the core requirement. After a discussion of the issue, council members agreed that the policy needed to be changed so that native students are able to articulate science course credit in a manner similar to transfer students. After working on the wording of the policy, the chair suggested that council members think about appropriate wording and continue the discussion at next week’s meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10.

Notice: Actions of the Council are official when the minutes of a meeting are approved, normally the Wednesday following the meeting in which an item is passed. In the event the Council does not meet on the following Wednesday, actions as recorded in the minutes are considered official ten (10) calendar days from the meeting date unless otherwise indicated.