

TO: Dr. Janet Wilson, President of the Faculty Senate
FROM: Dr. Clay Arnold, Chair of the Undergraduate Council
RE: 2010-2011 Annual Report of the Undergraduate Council
DATE: October 24, 2011

I am pleased to submit the 2010-2011 annual report for the Undergraduate Council. According to the UCA Faculty Handbook, the Undergraduate Council's charge is

- a. To review and recommend to the Council of Deans new undergraduate curricula and programs proposed by the various departments and colleges;
- b. To review existing undergraduate offerings and make appropriate recommendations to the Council of Deans; and
- c. To initiate and recommend policies and procedures relevant to baccalaureate and associate degree requirements, grading and credit policies, academic standards, and related matters.

The Council was busy on all three fronts during the 2010-2011 academic year. The Council approved a total of 75 new courses. The statistics are as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Number of New Courses</u>
Accounting	1
Art	1
Biology	2
English	4
Film	4
Finance	2
History	4
IEP	28
Journalism	1
Linguistics	1
Management	1
Marketing	2
Math	2
MCOM	2
MIS	1
Music	2
Political Science	3
Psychology	4
Public Relations	4
Religious Studies	2
Speech	4

The Council approved the deletion of 87 courses:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Number of Courses Deleted</u>
Chemistry	6
Computer Science	5
Education	1
English	3
German	1
IEP	12
Management	1
Marketing	1
Math	2
Nursing	7
Occupational Therapy	29
Philosophy	4
Psychology	4
Teaching & Learning	11

Several new programs were approved, including a BBA in Innovation & Entrepreneurship, minors in Statistics and Journalism, and a new emphasis in Supply-Chain Management. The degree programs in Philosophy and in Economics (International Trade Concentration) were re-structured and the admission requirements for BBA degrees (a GPA of 2.0 in specified courses) and Nursing (a TOEFL score of at least 79 for international applicants) altered. One program, BSE in Business & Marketing Technology, was deleted. Other Council activities included the re-numbering of several courses, revisions of the Undergraduate Bulletin, converting traditional courses to an on-line format, changes in the titles of some courses, and discussion of matters related to student representation on the Council, the format for course proposals, the determination of the impact on course loads and programs, and the question of a summer meeting of the Council. For additional information on these and related topics, please consult the Council's approved and posted minutes (copies attached).

The 2011-2012 academic year will prove to be even busier, largely due to the requirements of Act 747. According to that law, UCA and other Arkansas institutions of higher learning must reduce the number of degree hours for the Associate degree from 62 to 60 and for the Baccalaureate degrees from 124 to 120. There are approximately 130 bachelor's degree programs at UCA. Documenting and approving the necessary reductions (or petitions for exemption) in the mandated time frame will be the Council's highest priority.