

Summary of the March 1 and April 12 UG council meetings.

Academic Policy: already reported on change to maximum of drops while pursuing a degree. This applies to even if you are seeking two degrees simultaneously or two majors, etc. However, if a second degree is sought following the awarding of the first one, a new set of drops is initiated. This does not include any drops that occur during the initial drop/add, 10 calendar day period at the beginning of a semester, not does it include the drops that occur when a student drops all courses and drops out of the university for special reasons. This initial approval included a course drop fee of undetermined amount.

The policy was revised by dropping the course drop fee at the April 12th meeting.

The High School Deficiencies Policy was dropped. This was implemented with Fall term of 1989. The improved quality of the incoming students has rendered this policy unnecessary.

Curriculum: Several changes approved by the curriculum committee most of which were to clean up the catalog, taking into account changes made by other departments that had not been reflected throughout the catalog.

Council approved text revisions for the Universal Transfer Paths for students transferring from TBR institutions into the UT system. This includes the existing articulation agreements with a number of area two year institutions as well as agreements with respect to existing majors course requirements and the general education requirements particularly for those who complete the Associates degree. For those who transfer without having an associate's degree but have completed any particular section of the general education requirements such as natural sciences or quantitative reasoning (math), they will have been deemed to have completed that area of the gen ed requirements at UT.

However, admission is still based on an holistic review of the applicants files and can be denied, regardless of the pathway of entry if the admission office deems it appropriate. A concern was expressed about how this will work when students begin entering the university having applied for a specific major. Will admissions be decided upon by the specific department responsible for that major and how will that be implemented within the department?

The Chair-elect of the UG council was announced as Matthew Theriot, in the College of Social Work and current chair of the UG curriculum committee.

Greg Kaplan assumes position of Chair of the UG Council for the 2011-2012 academic year.

The group acknowledged the contributions of Fred Pierce in the College of Business in anticipation of his starting the position of Vice Provost at Mary Washington University in Fredricksberg, VA.

The full UG council heard a grade appeal at the April meeting.