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TO: Lawrence Williams, Chair
Undergraduate Council

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Degree Programs Committee: Programs

SUBJECT: Some Assorted Agenda Items

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The Committee met via email during the week of February 15 to evaluate several proposals judged to be routine enough that they could be handled without a face-to-face meeting. Participating in the consideration of these proposals were committee members: Betty Barr, Miranda Bennett, Roger Blakeney, Debbie Hermann, Iain Morrison and Richard Scamell.

UC 10480 09F: Deactivation of Unused Major Codes

The purpose of this proposal was to formally deactivate majors that no longer have active degree plans so as to prevent students from being placed in these majors codes in error. The major codes recommended for deactivation are:

- HDFST1BS – a Human Development and Family Studies Degree Program (Last valid semester – Spring 2003)
- HECTEBA – a Consumer and Home Economics Education – Teacher Education Degree Program (Last valid semester – Summer 2000)
- MIDBS – a Merchandising and Industrial Distribution Degree Program (Last valid semester – Spring 2003)
- TELSOBS – a Technology Leadership and Supervision – Occupational Technology Degree Program (Never had a degree plan)
- TELSOBSP - a Technology Leadership and Supervision – Occupational Technology Degree Program (Never had a degree plan)
- ELCDEU – an Electronics Technology Degree Program (Last valid semester – Summer 1991)

The Committee recommends approval of UC 10480 09F.

UC 10764 10S: Discontinuation of the Visual Studies Minor

This proposal comes from the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and is a request that the Committee approve its decision to discontinue the interdisciplinary minor in Visual Studies effective with the Fall 2010 semester.

Students minoring in Visual Studies are required to take VIST 1300: Introduction to Visual Studies and VIST 4300: Senior Project in Visual Studies plus 12 hours of designated courses from Anthropology, Architecture, Art, Communication, Education, English, History, Modern and Classical Languages, Philosophy, Psychology, Technology, Theatre and Sociology. The plan is to (a) allow students who have declared a minor in Visual Studies by filing a degree plan in the Fall 2009 semester or before to continue in the minor and (b) stop accepting new minor degree plans from students in the Spring 2010 semester. In the future, the two Visual Studies courses (VIST 1300 and VIST 4300) may become part of the Interdisciplinary Arts Minor.

The Committee recommends approval of UC 10764 10S.

UC 10297 09F: Biology-Medical Technology Degree

The Committee requests that UC 10297 09F be removed from our agenda as it requires no action on the part of either the Committee or the Undergraduate Council. Instead, UC 10297 09F is a memo stating that the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics intends to initiate a thorough review of the 135 semester credit hour Biology-Medical Technology degree program during the Fall 2009 semester and include in this review consideration for a reduction in the number of semester credit hours to 120, if

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possible. The Committee expects to receive proposed revisions to this degree program during the Spring 2010 semester and will consider these revisions upon their receipt.

UC 10285 09S: College of Architecture Undergraduate Degree Programs

Architecture undergraduate degrees are recognized throughout the country as requiring in excess of 120 semester credit hours. UC 10285 09S presents a justification for allowing the Bachelor of Architecture, the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Design and the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design to require 160, 128, and 132 semester credit hours respectively. The national accreditation of each program dictates a course of study in excess of 120 semester credit hours with the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) accrediting only five-year programs.

It should be noted that last spring the Undergraduate Council approved UC 10227 09S – a proposal to create a 132 semester credit hour program that leads to a Bachelor of Science with a major in Interior Architecture. This program is designed to provide education for those who wish to practice interior architecture and to meet the standards of the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners for licensure as an Interior Designer.

The Committee recommends approval of UC 10285 09S.