

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 29, 2011

FROM: Bennie J. Wilson III, College of Business 
Chairperson, Academic Policy & Requirements (AP&R) Committee

THRU: Academic Policy & Requirements (AP&R) Committee
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TO: Carola Wenk, College of Sciences
Chairperson, UTSA Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Proposal for Name Change of BA Humanities to BA Classical Studies and Humanities

The Committee recommends approving the proposed name change of BA Humanities to BA Classical Studies and Humanities (attached). The voting process & results were:

- 12 – Number of voting-eligible committee members
- 9 - Number of members who voted (excludes chair unless to break tie vote)
- 7 – Quorum required to conduct vote
- 9 – Number voting for the proposal
- 0 – Number voting against the proposal
- 0 – Number abstaining

I certify that these results are accurate.

April 11, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Lawrence R. Williams *L.R.W.*
Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

SUBJECT: Proposal for Name Change of BA in Humanities to BA in Classical Studies and Humanities

Please review and consider for approval the attached proposal from the Department of Philosophy and Classics to change the name of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities to Bachelor of Arts degree in Classical Studies and Humanities. The request is in response to new rules adopted by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in April 2010 regarding low-producing degree programs.

The BA in Classical Studies program was identified by the Coordinating Board as a low producing degree program. The only acceptable options available to the department for the BA in Classical Studies degree program were to phase out the program or to consolidate it with another degree program. The Department of Philosophy and Classics selected the option to consolidate the BA in Classical Studies degree program into the BA in Humanities degree program. The Coordinating Board approved the request to consolidate the two programs effective September 1, 2011. No new students may be admitted into the BA in Classical Studies degree program, and the intent of the consolidation was that the BA in Classical Studies degree would be removed from the UTSA Program Inventory and that all classical studies majors would be changed to humanities majors effective September 1, 2011. The department is requesting approval to officially change the name of the BA degree in Humanities to the BA degree in Classical Studies and Humanities. A classical studies emphasis and a humanities emphasis will be included in the consolidated degree program. The new name will permit the university to acknowledge on transcripts and diplomas the academic interest of those students pursuing the classical studies emphasis.

Subsequent to the Coordinating Board's approval of the consolidation of the degree programs, the university was able to negotiate an agreement with the Coordinating Board to permit all present classical studies majors to receive the BA degree in Classical Studies if they graduate prior to September 1, 2016.

Please approve the proposed name change of the degree program.

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Lawrence Williams, Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

From: M. Almeida, Department of Philosophy and Classics

Re: Classical Studies and Humanities

Date: April 8, 2011

I'm writing to request that the BA in Humanities and the BA in Classical Studies be changed to a BA in Classical Studies and Humanities. The Higher Education Coordinating Board determined that the Classical Studies program in the Department of Philosophy and Classics is an underperforming program. The options available to departments housing underperforming programs are to either eliminate the program or consolidate the program. We have received approval to consolidate Classical Studies with Humanities and offer a BA degree in a two-track program entitled Classical Studies and Humanities. Separate degree plans for the BA in Classical Studies and for the BA in Humanities and modest curriculum changes have been incorporated in the Classical Studies and Humanities program. Our current request is that the BA in Humanities and the BA in Classics be changed to the BA in Classical Studies and Humanities.



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Dear Dr. Frederick:

Thank you for your response to the list of low-producing degree programs at The University of Texas at San Antonio. Based upon the recommendation from your institution's faculty and administration, your request to phase out and consolidate programs as noted in the attached information sheet is approved.

New students must not be admitted to programs being phased out. This is to be effective as of the date of this letter. Keep in mind that consolidated programs are not considered to be new programs but a grouping of similar previously approved programs. This means that the official start date for a consolidated program will be the start date of the oldest existing program affected by the consolidation action.

Full implementation of the rules regarding low-producing programs (Chapter 4, Subchapter R §4.285-4.293) will begin in February 2011. As provided in the rules, each institution will receive an annual report that will include the number of graduates from each program for the most recent five-year period. The process for resolving low-producing issues will be similar to that of the data review period, in that each institution will have the option of phasing out or consolidating low-producing programs. In addition, a third option allows institutions to request a temporary exemption for programs with exceptional circumstances. A temporary exemption allows an institution to continue a low-producing program for a specific period of time, while an action plan is implemented to increase program productivity.

Thank you again for your thoughtful examination of your institution's low-producing degree programs. An Information Sheet is enclosed for the convenience of your reporting officials.

Sincerely,

Kevin Lemoine

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

c: Pedro Reyes
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LOW-PRODUCING RESPONSE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information is provided in connection with recent action(s) taken by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and reported to your institution in a letter from Kevin Lemoine on January 28, 2011.

ACTION: THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

On January 28, 2011, the Coordinating Board approved at the staff level the request from The University of Texas at San Antonio to phase out and consolidate the following programs.

Degree Program Phase Outs				
Degree Title	Program Name	CIP Code	Effective Date	Action
BA	German	16.0501.00	August 16, 2016	Phased Out
BA	French	16.0901.00	August 16, 2016	Phased Out

Degree Program Consolidations				
Degree Title	Program Name	CIP Code	Effective Date*	Action
BA	Classical Studies	16.1200.00	September 1, 2011	Consolidate into BA in Humanities (24.0103.00)
BM	Music – Performance	50.0903.00	September 1, 2011	Consolidate into BM in Music (50.0901.00)
BM	Music – Music Theory/Composition	50.0904.00	September 1, 2011	Consolidate into BM in Music (50.0901.00)
BM	Music – Music Marketing	50.1003.00	September 1, 2011	Consolidate into BM in Music (50.0901.00)

* Start date for consolidated programs will be the start date of the oldest existing program.

Notes:

These changes will affect the way your institution reports courses, programs, and degrees to the Coordinating Board. Please inform the appropriate reporting personnel of these changes.

If you have any questions about this action or about your institution's program inventory, please contact:

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