



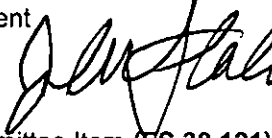
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THE FACULTY SENATE

February 18, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. R. Bowen Loftin, President

FROM: John N. Stallone, Speaker 

SUBJECT: Approval of Executive Committee Item (FS.30.121)

At its regular meeting on February 11, 2013, the Faculty Senate approved the following from the Executive Committee. The Faculty Senate submits for your approval. Attached is a copy of the material sent to our Senators.

Executive Committee Resolution to amend the previously adopted FS.29.187
Accepting Upper Division Courses in the Core Curriculum

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please inform me of your action on this matter.

Attachment

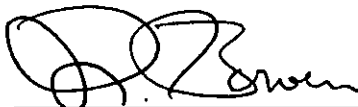
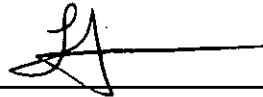
cc: Karan Watson
Pamela Matthews
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FACULTY SENATE AGENDA ITEM REVIEW

This item has been reviewed by the Office of the Provost (OP). Below are recommended action(s): RE: FS.30.121

<i>Presidential Action:</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommend Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review Only	<i>OP Recommended Action</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold for Further Review <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Released <input type="checkbox"/> System Review/Submission <input type="checkbox"/> BOR Approval <input type="checkbox"/> THECB Approval/Notification <input type="checkbox"/> SACSCOC Approval/Notification
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Approved: Reviewed:

R. Bowen Loftin, President

3/6/13
Date

Proposed EC Resolution

Resolution FS.29.187, "New Core Curriculum for 2014," previously adopted on April 30, 2012, is hereby amended by inserting the paragraph italicized below, making the resolution now read as follows:

CORE CURRICULUM 2014

The core curriculum of Texas A&M University for students entering in 2014, reflecting new mandates from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, will consist of 42 lower-division hours and include:

- Science, 9 hours
- Math, 6 hours
- Communication, 6 hours
- Political Science, 6 hours
- History, 6 hours
- Creative Arts, 3 hours
- Philosophy, Culture and Language, 3 hours
- Social and behavioral science, 3 hours

Upper-division courses may be considered for addition to the Core Curriculum 2014 if they meet the following guidelines:

- *Cannot have substantial overlap with a lower-division course in the common course-numbering system, as mandated by the Coordinating Board*
- *Cannot have a course prerequisite*
- *Cannot be restricted to a single major or group of majors*
- *Must have had an average annual enrollment of at least 30 students in each of the past three years*

To remain in the core, courses must be recertified on a four-year cycle. To provide for a more evenly balanced recertification process, courses in the first round of approval will be randomly assigned a three-, four-, five- or six-year initial approval period and then move to a regular four-year cycle.