

December 13, 2005

TO: Lane Crothers, Chair, Academic Senate

FROM: Gregory Ferrence, Chairman
University Curriculum Committee

RE: Business Teacher Education Program- 125 Hours

Attached for Academic Senate review you will find a proposal from Marketing/Business Teacher Education. The proposal was part of a larger proposal from the College of Business that increased the hours of a core course (BUS 100) from 2 to 3 hours. The proposal was approved by the University Curriculum Committee on December 1, 2005 and by the Council on Teacher Education on December 7, 2005. As the University Curriculum Committee is required to report all programs over 124 hours to you, I am forwarding the proposal to the Academic Senate for review. The following is a synopsis of the reviewers' summary of the proposal.

The change of BUS 100 from a 2 hour to a 3 hour course is being done to enhance classroom task time, give more time for individual/team projects, and allow for more depth in topic coverage.

The course was originally designed as a 2-hour course to meet AACSB (business accreditation body) criteria that no longer exists. The course serves as a gateway course to COB majors and more time allows for familiarity. Since the course's beginning, both faculty and students have indicated that the work load is more suited to a 3 hour course.

The one hour increase to the core course will in turn increase hours for all business majors regardless of department: ACC, FIL, MQM, MKT. The number of hours required to graduate remains at 120, with the exception of Business Teacher Education. The increase from 124 to 125 hours in BTE is concurrent with other K-12 certifications, which often exceed 124 hours and even go to 130 hours.

The BTE program at Illinois State is the only state program which certifies graduates K-12 and not just for high school. The additional elementary requirement adds a required education course and requires both elementary and high school experience student teaching.

The University Curriculum Committee supports the increase of hours from 124 to 125 in the Major in Business Teacher Education.

Sincerely,


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