

Undergraduate Council Minutes

Dec. 8-9th, Online Email Vote

Faculty Present: Michael Lockett (Chair), Karin Braunsberger, James Kessenides, Seth McKee
Michael Sampson, Kaya van Beynen (Secretary)

Regrets: Jennefer Khattabi;

Guests: None

Meeting: Call for Email discussion and vote on Dec. 8th at 4:54 PM by Michael Lockett

New Business: Moving the BA in Economics degree from the CAS to the COB

The BA in Economics Program will be deleted in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The College of Business will adopt the BA in Economics Program from Arts and Sciences without change.

The 2010/2011 undergraduate catalogue should reflect this change.

Note: No changes to the program or any of the present courses required to complete the program.

Discussion:

The issue is an administrative one and involves moving the BA in Economics degree from the CAS to the COB. Currently, the COB offers a BS in Economics degree. This change would consolidate both majors (BA and BS in Economics) under the COB and would have no other changes to the major content/courses, etc. I believe the major difference between the two degrees is that the BA has a foreign language requirement.

Apparently, this is being done in order to simplify some SACS issues. As we understand it, SACS wants the major to be housed in the college that teaches the majority of hours in the major. Currently, all economics courses are taught in the COB -- thus the move. There are 19 BA in Economics majors who will now become COB students but do not face any changes in their major classes, hours, etc.

This change has already been approved by both CAS Dean Biafora and COB Dean Ebrahimpour, as well as the COB UCAC.

UGC Results:

The proposed change passed 5 in favor, 0 against and 2 abstains on Dec. 9th at 1PM.

In Favor: Braunsberger, Bullard, Lockett, McKee, Van Beynen

Abstain: Kessenides, Sampson