

**Undergraduate Academic Council Minutes**  
**February 15, 2007 3:30pm**  
**General Academic Building Conference Room**

**Voting Members Present:** Dr. Jeff Spurlock, Mr. James Davis, Dr. Thomas Dunn, Dr. Joseph Fielding, Dr. Hank Findley, Ms. Lisa Vardaman (representing Mr. Chris Shaffer), Dr. Kimberly Martinez, Dr. Judy McCarley, Dr. Marian Parker, Dr. Sarah Patrick, Dr. Steve Ramroop, Dr. James Ryan, Dr. Michael Schraeder, Ms. Donna Schubert, Dr. Lillian Wise

**Voting Members Absent:** Ms. Sheila Bennett, Dr. Amanda Diggs, Dr. Becky Jacobson, Dr. Cindy McCoy, Dr. Fred Westfall, Dr. Patrice Williams

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Dr. Hal Fulmer, Ms. Tamara Jones, Ms. Kim Brinkley-Jones (representing Dr. Angie Roling)

**Non-Voting Members Absent:** Dr. Dianne Barron, Dr. Alan Belsches, Mr. Fred Carter, Dr. Maryjo Cochran, Dr. Earl Ingram, Dr. Lance Tatum, Dr. Don Jeffrey, Dr. Ken LaBrant, Ms. Vickie Miles, Dr. Curtis Porter, Dr. Edith Smith, Mr. Buddy Starling, Dr. Henry Stewart, Dr. David White

**Guests:** Ms. Donna Bragg, Dr. Judson Edwards

I. Chairman Dr. Jeff Spurlock called the meeting to order and called the roll.

II. By unanimous vote, the Council approved the agenda.

III. Dr. Spurlock explained the minutes of the January 18, 2007 meeting.

IV. For Consideration by the Council

A. College of Communication and Fine Arts

1. **A proposal to create a new course, American Popular Music-Folk to Rock (MUS xxxx)—2 hours credit, was tabled to allow sponsor Prof. Ray Smith more time to fine-tune the proposal.**

B. Sorrell College of Business

1. **By unanimous vote, the Council approved a proposal calling for the creation of a new course prefix, ECD (International Economic Development) pending approval of the Alabama Council on Higher Education.**

2. **By unanimous vote, the Council approved the creation of the following new course, pending approval of the Alabama Council on Higher Education:**

ECD 3XXX Principles of International Economic Development (3)

This introductory course offers a global perspective on the theoretical concepts associated with economic growth and development.

**3. By unanimous vote, the Council approved the creation of the following new course, pending approval of the Alabama Council on Higher Education. Troy University Associate Provost Dr. Hal Fulmer asked the course sponsor, Dr. Judson Edwards, to work with Dr. Steve Ramroop, Professor of Geomatics, to avoid any conflict this course may have with Geomatics. Both Drs. Edwards and Ramroop agreed.**

ECD 3XXX Applied Spatial Analysis for Business (3)

This introductory course prepares students to become decision makers able to analyze business data, both internal and external, from a spatial perspective utilizing geographic information systems software.

**4. By unanimous vote, the Council approved the creation of the following new course, pending approval of the Alabama Council on Higher Education.**

ECD 4XXX Advanced Applied Spatial Analysis for Business (3)

This course prepares students to conduct advanced economic development-related research through the application of geographic information systems software.  
*Prerequisite: ECD 3XXX Applied Spatial Analysis for Business.*

**5. By unanimous vote, the Council approved the creation of the following new course, pending approval of the Alabama Council on Higher Education.**

ECD 4XXX Field Experience in International Economic Development (3)

This course integrates academic knowledge with practical skills to develop professional abilities through economic development fieldwork.

**6. By unanimous vote, the Council approved the creation of the International Economic Development Concentration within the BSBA/General Business Major, pending approval of the Alabama Council on Higher Education.**

*Select one upper level course in three of the following five areas:*

- Accounting
- Economics
- Finance
- Management
- Marketing

**International Economic Development Concentration:**

ECD 3XXX Principals of International Economic Development (3)

ECD 3XXX Applied Spatial Analysis for Business (3)

MKT 4465 International Marketing (3)

ECO 4451 International Trade (3)  
ECD 4XXX Field Experience in International Economic Development (3)

*Select two of the following courses:*

ECO 4555 Comparative Economic Systems (3)  
FIN 3336 Real Estate Finance I (3)  
FIN 4440 Real Estate Finance II (3)  
FIN 4454 Public Finance (3)  
GHY 4404 Economic Geography (3)  
ECD 4XXX Advanced Applied Spatial Analysis for Business (3)

V. Any Other Business to Come Before the Council

**1. Dr. Thomas Dunn applauded Dr. Jeff Spurlock for his recent publication of a children's novel.**

**2. Dr. Hal Fulmer applauded the Council's work in moving efficiently in voting on academic proposals during the 2006-07 academic year.**

VI. The next meeting of the UGAC will be held Thursday, March 15, 2007.

VII. By unanimous vote, the Council moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:03pm.