

Greetings,

At the UGCC meeting on 2/4/05 the following items were addressed:

1. The proposed changes to the catalog description of Minors to include a 2.0 GPA requirement and the statement that a minor is only awarded at the same time as the major were approved unanimously. (See the Minors3.pdf attached to the February agenda for the exact wording of the approved catalog description.)
2. After considerable discussion, the proposal to reduce the number of credits required to be taken at Florida Tech for a minor from nine to six was defeated with 3 votes for the proposal and 9 votes against. Many members thought it was inappropriate to compare a minor to a major in determining the residency requirement. Some thought that the number of credits taken at Florida Tech should be higher than nine since the intent of the minor was to add value to the experience at Florida Tech.
3. The request to add a new minor in Chemistry to the curriculum was approved unanimously with the clarification that the chemistry elective credits must be CHM 2000 level or above. Several concerns were addressed. The university restriction allowing the application of only 9 credits of named required major courses to the minor ensures at least three additional courses for the chemistry minor even for similar majors like chemical engineering. Since only four credits of chemistry elective exist at the 2000 level, a chemistry minor would include at least one course at the 3000 level. (The approved form has been sent to the Registrar.)

A suggestion was made to change the restriction from "9 credits" to "3 courses" to allow the application of more 4-credit named required major courses to the minor. However, it was pointed out that this would create a problem with 1-credit and 2-credit courses.

The next meeting is Friday, March 4, at 8 am in the Olin Physical Science Center conference room.