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Course: Add: _____ Delete: _____ Change: Number _____ Title _____ (check all that apply) SCH _____ Description _____x_____ Prerequisite _____ If new, provide Course Prefix, Number, Title, SCH Value, Description, prerequisite, lecture/lab (hours if applicable) and student learning outcomes. If in current catalog, provide change and attach page with changes in red and provide a brief justification.
Program: Add: _____ Change: _____x_____ Attach new/changed Program of Study description and 4-year plan. If in current catalog, provide change and attach page with changes in red.

Delete all current BAAS descriptions and replace with attached:

BACHELOR OF APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES

The Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) degree is a special degree designed for individuals who hold an Associate of Applied Arts and Sciences (AAS) degree from an accredited institution. The BAAS degree program offers students the opportunity to obtain a baccalaureate degree by building on the coursework they have already achieved. If the AAS degree is not fully compatible with the BAAS degree program, a student may have to take additional courses. This degree is not designed for teacher preparation or certification.

The minimum number of hours for BAAS degree is 120. Thirty (30) of those hours will be taken from the AAS courses and applied to requirements at the freshman/sophomore level. At least 45 hours must be at the upper division level.

Requirements include:

24 semester credit hours in an organized technical program from an accredited two-year college

42 semester credit hours from the TAMIU core curriculum*

3 semester credit hours of a Math elective

3 semester credit hours of a general elective

27 hours in upper-division coursework (3000-level or above) in the College of Arts and

Sciences:

9 hours chosen from Philosophy, Anthropology, Geography

9 hours chosen from History or Political Science

9 hours chosen from Sociology, Psychology, or Language and Literature

18 hours in any TAMIU-approved minor degree program (12 of which must be 3000-

level or above)

3 hours BAAS senior capstone course: ANTH 4351 Cultural Anthropology.

This course is offered annually and cannot be substituted under any circumstances.

120 hours

*See the University Core Curriculum Requirements in Appendix A for list of approved courses.

Justifications:

1. The BAAS degree has been streamlined, making the program considerably less unwieldy and confusing for both students and faculty and conforming to the objective to streamline our offerings set forth by the chancellor on his visit to our campus last spring.
2. The number of SCH has been reduced to 120 as required by the State.
3. A senior capstone course has been added to meet the requirements for accountability and assessment outlined by SACS in general and the QEP in particular.

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Approvals:

Chair Department Curriculum Committee

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Add the upper division elective...a mis- statement of the elective.
Bill

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Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2008 3:35 PM

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Cc: Ni, Qingwen; Ball, Rex H.

Subject: FW: Update on Review of BAAS Degree by University Curriculum Committee

Importance: High

Dr. Riggs – the attached revised BAAS plan indicates 3 semester hours of a general elective. The recommendation below was to add an **upper division** general elective. Without the upper division general elective the degree plan has:

27 upper division hours of Arts and Science courses

12 upper division in the minor

3 hours of ANTH 4351

42 upper division hours total

Please advise.