

# U N I V E R S I T Y *of* H O U S T O N

## UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL

### Minutes for October 17, 2007

A meeting of the University of Houston Undergraduate Council convened at 3:07 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 in room 220 of the E. Cullen Building.

Members Present: Betty Barr, Simon Bott, William Dupré, Luces Faulkenberry, Sarah Fishman, Gus Forward, Nancy Graves, Martha Haun, Jacqueline Hawkins, Natalie Houston, Nathan Jarvis, Richard Kasschau, Partha Krishnamurthy, Iain Morrison, Charles Peters, Laurence Rapp, Irving Rothman, Maria Soliño, Rebecca Achee Thornton, Dalibor Torbica, Lawrence Williams, John Zemanek

Members Absent: Libby Barlow, Roger Blakeney, Elaine Charlson, Agnes DeFranco, Mary Elhardt, Chase Gutierrez, Barbara Lewis, William Munson, David Rosen, Barbara Snelling, George Trail

Guests: Izzy Anderson (APM), Darcie Champagne (University Marketing), Karen Clarke (University Relations), Nusrat Malik (Biology/Biochemistry), Kevin Simon (HRM), Diane Trippel (UH Web Administrator)

Staff: Marsha Daly, Heidi Kennedy

#### **I Call to Order; Minutes for 9/19/07**

Council was called to order by Dr. Joel Bloom at 3:07 p.m. Minutes from 9/19/07 were accepted as amended. VIII. Old Business/New Business: Faculty Initiated drops – change “if” to “is”

#### **II Announcements**

**A** NOTE: All meetings are held in the President’s Boardroom, #220 E. Cullen, unless otherwise noted.  
**Fall 2007 Meetings:** 10/17/07, 11/14/07, 12/5/07  
**Spring 2008 Meetings:** 1/23/08, 2/20/08, 3/12/08, 4/16/08, 6/4/08, 7/9/08

**B** Undergraduate Council Web Address: <http://www.uh.edu/undergraduatecouncil/index.html>  
Core Curriculum Website Address: <http://www.uh.edu/academics/corecurriculum/>  
Undergraduate Studies Catalog Web Address: <http://www.uh.edu/academics/catalog/>

**C** E-mail listserves:  
UNDERGRAD-COUNCIL@LISTSERV.UH.EDU  
UC-DEGREE-PROGRAMS@LISTSERV.UH.EDU  
UC-POLICIES-PROCEDURES@LISTSERV.UH.EDU  
UC-CORE-CURRICULUM@LISTSERV.UH.EDU  
UC-NEWS@LISTSERV.UH.EDU (Minutes only)

**D** **Learning Environment Survey:** look for this to be distributed soon

#### **III Administration Representatives Reports:**

**QEP:** Dr. Foss has sent a memo to dean's asking for plans from colleges on how they will approach this endeavor.

**IV PeopleSoft update:** The issues with PeopleSoft class schedule are being addressed. Your patience while this is worked out is appreciated.

**V New UH Website: Visitor structured not organizationally structured as in the past.**

**VI Achieving the Dream:** UH is the first 4 year research university to be included in the program.

Data on transfer students will be collected and analyzed.

Each institution has a coach and data facilitator provided

This is a 4 year, multi-front program.

## **VII Committee Reports**

### **A Academic Policies and Procedures Committee:**

#### **UC 9476 07F: Academic Policies and Procedures Committee Report 10/9/07: Approved**

UC 9335 07F: Political Science Credit by Exam

UC 9357 07F: Pharmacy: Change in math requirement

UC 9359 07F: Mandatory Orientation

#### **UC 9359 07F: Mandatory Orientation Discussion**

How do you make students come?

*Must* take care of TSI and Math Placement Test before they come in.

80% of freshmen currently attend orientation

20% of transfers attend orientation

Late Orientation: to be held immediately before or in first week of semester.

Virtual Orientation – possible in the future (long term goal)

Undergraduate Council supports it. There is likely to be more discussion as they document moves toward implementation.

### **B Core Curriculum Committee:**

#### **UC 9474 07F: Core Curriculum Committee Report 9/26/07: Approved**

UC 9342 07F: HIST 4371: Latin American History Through Film (new VPA core course)

UC 9346 07F: HIST 2330: Writing in the Discipline of English (new WID core course)

#### **UC 9475 07F: Core Curriculum Committee Report 10/2/07: Approved**

UC 9368 07F: MUSC 4366: Music in the United States (WID core course)

UC 9383 07F: WCL 2352: World Cinema (new HUM Core course)

UC 9385 07F: WCL 3362: U.S. Caribbean and Central American Latino Literatures (new HUM Core course)

UC 9398 07F: ECON 3332, ECON 3334, ECON 3350 Core category switches

UC 9403 07F: BIOL 3311: Genetics Laboratory (new WID Core course)

**C Degree Programs Committee:**

**UC 9477 07F: Degree Programs Committee Report 10/3/07: Approved**

UC 9278 07S: American Humanics Certification degree plan change  
UC 9280 07S: Military Science minor name change to Military Leadership  
UC 9297 07F: BIOE 5369: Computational Fluid Dynamics II (new course)  
UC 9298 07F: MECE 5369: Computational Fluid Dynamics II (new course)  
UC 9316 07F: SPAN 1505: Intensive Elementary Spanish  
UC 9347 07F: ENGL 3317: The British Novel Before 1832  
UC 9348 07F: ENGL 3318: The British Novel since 1832  
UC 9349 07F: ENGL 3352: Nineteenth-Century American Fiction  
UC 9350 07F: ENGL 3353: Modern American Fiction  
UC 9351 07F: ENGL 4373: Film, Text, and Politics  
UC 9352 07F: ENGL 4397: Selected Topics in Film, Literature, and Culture (new course)  
UC 9373 07F: COMD 4384: Overview of Written Language Disorders  
UC 9404 07F: BIOL 3345: Plant Physiology  
UC 9405 07F: BIOL 4324: Bioinformatics for Biologists (new course)  
UC 9406 07F: BIOL 4347: Animal Behavior  
UC 9407 07F: BIOL 4366: Molecular Evolution (new course)  
UC 9408 07F: BIOL 4367: Evolutionary Ecology (new course)  
UC 9409 07F: BCHS 4321: Proteomics and Genomics (new course)  
UC 9410 07F: BCHS 4322: Biochemistry of Organelles (new course)  
UC 9411 07F: BCHS 4324: Bioinformatics for Biologists (new course)  
UC 9412 07F: BA, BS Biology degree program changes  
UC 9433 07F: Sociology Degree Plan changes

**UC 9479 07F: Degree Programs Committee Report 10/15/07: Approved**

UC 9291 07F: CHNS 4398: Special Problems in Chinese Studies (new course)  
UC 9317 07F: CHNS 4364: Issues in Chinese Language and Linguistics (new course)  
UC 9336 07F: COMM 2370: Introduction to Motion Pictures  
UC 9337 07F: COMM 3353: Information and Communication Technologies I  
UC 9338 07F: COMM 4374: News Media in Contemporary Society  
UC 9339 07F: COMM 4381: Digital Cinematography and Narrative Storytelling (new course)  
UC 9340 07F: COMM 4353: Information and Communication Technologies II  
UC 9341 07F: HIST 4386: Africa Since 1945-Present  
UC 9343 07F: HIST 3355: British Empire since 1500 (new course)  
UC 9344 07F: HIST 3334: Chicana History (new course)  
UC 9345 07F: HIST 3321: US Foreign Policy 1900-Present (new course)  
UC 9358 07F: HIST 4368: Food, Drink, and Drugs of Latin America (new course)  
UC 9374 07F: CHNS 1209: Chinese Calligraphy (new course)  
UC 9375 07F: CHNS 2207: Conversational Chinese I (new course)  
UC 9376 07F: CHNS 2308: Conversational Chinese II (new course)  
UC 9377 07F: CHNS 3396: Selected Topics (new course)  
UC 9378 07F: CHNS 4301: Public Speaking in Chinese (new course)  
UC 9379 07F: CHNS 4302: Integrated Chinese (new course)  
UC 9380 07F: CHNS 4396: Selected Topics (new course)  
UC 9394 07F: ECON 3358: Economic Development of Latin America (new course)

UC 9395 07F: ECON 4331: Economics of Gender (new course)  
UC 9396 07F: ECON 4335: Economic Growth Theory (new course)  
UC 9397 07F: Economics Minor requirement change  
UC 9399 07F: CHNS 3360: A Look in to Modern China  
UC 9413 07F: PHIL 3382: Medieval Philosophy (new course)  
UC 9414 07F: PSYC 4301: Psychology and the Arts (new course)  
UC 9426 07F: VIST 1300: Introduction to Visual Studies (new course)  
UC 9427 07F: VIST 3398: Selected Topics in Visual Studies (new course)  
UC 9428 07F: VIST 4300: Senior Project in Visual Studies (new course)

**D Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws:**

**UC 9478 07F: Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee Report 10/11/07: Approved**

**Membership:** According to the current numbers representation of colleges may need to be adjusted. Motion made to add “fraction there of” in I.A.1.a. after “...undergraduate semester credit hours.....” Seconded. Approved.

**VIII Old Business/New Business: Dr. Bloom thanked the committees for all their hard work.**

**IX Adjourned at 4:31 p.m.**