

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

## UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL Minutes for February 25, 2009

A meeting of the University of Houston Undergraduate Council convened at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, in the Elizabeth D. Rockwell Pavilion, M.D. Anderson Library (second floor).

Members Present: Bill Barnes, Betty Barr, Amanda Baumle, Roger Blakeney, Simon Bott, Elaine Charlson, Lawrence Curry, Agnes DeFranco, Luces Faulkenberry, Sarah Fishman, Catherine Hatfield, Martha Haun, Debbie Hermann, Stephen Huang, Richard Kasschau, Partha Krishnamurthy, William Munson, Charles Peters, Melissa Pierson, Laurence Rapp, Richard Scamell, Kevin Simon, Ron Singer, John Snyder, María Soliño, Rebecca Achee Thornton, Nina Tucci, Jerry Waite, Dana Wierzbicki

Members Absent: William Dupré, Catherine Hatfield, Martha Haun, Christina Hughes, Rincy Mathai, Iain Morrison, Norma Olvera, Michelangelo Sabatino (for John Zemanek, spring 2009), Lawrence Williams, Djuana Young

Guests: Diana Velez (UScholars), Miranda Bennett (UH Libraries), Jonas Chin (SGA)

Staff: Heidi Kennedy, Jeanette Morales

### **I Call to Order; Minutes for 1/10/08**

Council was called to order by Dr. Simon Bott at 3:03 p.m. Minutes from 1/28/09 were accepted.

### **II Announcements**

**A NOTE: Meetings for spring 2009 will be held in the Elizabeth Rockwell Pavilion, M.D. Anderson Library (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), unless otherwise noted.**

Spring 2009 Meetings: 3/25/09, 4/22/09, 6/3/09, 7/8/09

**B** Undergraduate Council Web Address: <http://www.uh.edu/undergradatecouncil/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)

### **III Introduction of John J. Antel, newly-appointed Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost**

Vice Chair Simon Bott welcomed John Antel to the Undergraduate Council meeting. Dr. Antel expressed his eagerness to work with the Undergraduate Council on new initiatives regarding undergraduate curriculum, student services and new degree programs to enhance and improve the undergraduate experience. He informed the Council that a national search will soon be underway to

hire an assistant vice president for Enrollment Services. Dr. Antel also mentioned that he would like to establish honors programs in the colleges. This new initiative wouldn't replace the Honors College, but may complement it. These honors programs would gear more towards undergraduates in their junior and senior years: providing more challenge during the student's academic career. Lastly, John Antel followed up with a Q and A session with the council members.

**IV PeopleSoft update: Debbie Hermann, Registrar.**

Web addresses: <http://www.uh.edu/peoplesoft/>  
<http://my.uh.edu>

- A** Debbie Hermann brought forth the concern regarding the Six W policy and how it affects the business processes in RAR with special emphasis on lecture/lab classes. If a student were to drop a lab section of a lecture/lab class taken in a subsequent semester, it would count as a W (one drop). Currently, the PeopleSoft program doesn't have an automatic mechanism to drop lecture/lab classes simultaneously, unless they're manually associated together. Debbie proposed that a subcommittee be created to discuss this issue. Dr. Simon Bott suggested to Council members that research needs to be done among their respective constituents to find out which classes would be affected by this policy and inform Debbie. It was also suggested that language be amended to add that lecture/lab classes dropped simultaneously "within the semester" would count as one drop. Lastly, any member interested in joining this subcommittee would need to contact Debbie Hermann in Registration and Academic Records.

**V Committee Reports**

**A Academic Policies and Procedures Committee:**

The following documents were approved by the Council:

**UC 10253 09S: Academic Policies and Procedures Report - 2/18/09**

UC 10225 09S: Medical & Administrative Withdrawal - Change in Deadline Terminology Request

UC 10230 09S: Library Representation on Undergraduate Council, approved with an amendment that the librarian be a non-voting member. The Council agreed that the librarian will hold the appointment for one year. Council members also mentioned that the UC Bylaws will need to be amended due to this new librarian appointment.

**B Core Curriculum Committee:**

The following documents were approved by the Council:

**UC 10238 09S: Core Curriculum Committee Report – 2/11/2009**

UC 9895 08F: COMD 3380: Professional Writing in Communication Disorders (WID core course)

UC 9898 08F: DAN 3310: Dance History I (VPA Core course)

UC 10050 08F: ENGI 2304: Technical Communications (WID core course)

UC 10053 08F: ARTH 1300: Ways of Seeing: Art and Our Visual World (new V/PA Core course)

UC 10054 08F: POLS 1107: Federal and Texas Constitutions (new Gov't core course)

UC 10055 08F: RUSS 3307: Soviet and Post-Soviet Cinema: Collapse of the Soviet Realm and Revival of National Identity (new V/PA core course)

UC 10190 08F: VIET 3300: The Global Vietnamese Diaspora (new Humanities core course)

UC 10231 09S: CHNS 3360: A Look into Modern China (Humanities core course)

UC 10232 09S: CHNS 2360: A Look into Modern China (Humanities core deletion)

**C Degree Programs Committee – CBM003s:**

The following documents were approved by the Council:

**UC 10233 09S: Degree Programs Committee – CBM003s Report – 2/4/09**

UC 9949 08F: BIOL 2133: Elementary Microbiology Laboratory  
UC 9950 08F: BIOL 4365: Applied Evolution (new course)  
UC 9951 08F: CHEM 4173: Problem Solving in Physical Chemistry (new course)  
UC 9955 08F: GEOL 1197: Selected Topics in Geosciences  
UC 9956 08F: GEOL 4379: Groundwater and Engineering Geophysics (reinstate course)  
UC 9957 08F: GEOL 4370: Seismic Study of the Earth's Structure (new course)  
UC 9959 08F: GEOL 4380: Petroleum Seismic Exploration (new course)  
UC 9960 08F: GEOL 4382: Introduction to Petroleum Geology  
UC 9961 08F: ECE 4436: Microprocessor Systems  
UC 9962 08F: ECE 4437: Embedded Microcomputer Systems  
UC 9963 08F: ECE 4339: Physical Principles of Solid State Devices  
UC 9964 08F: KIN 4330: Child and Adolescent Obesity (new course)  
UC 9965 08F: COMD 1301: Elementary American Sign Language I  
UC 9966 08F: COMD 1302: Elementary American Sign Language II  
UC 9967 08F: COMD 1396: Selected Topics in Communication Disorders  
UC 9968 08F: COMD 2139: Speech and Language Development Lab (new course)  
UC 9969 08F: COMD 2302: Advanced American Sign Language IV  
UC 9970 08F: COMD 2350: Survey and Research Methods  
UC 9971 08F: COMD 2376: Anatomy and Physiology for Communication  
UC 9972 08F: COMD 2385: Speech Science  
UC 9973 08F: COMD 3371: Phonological Disorders  
UC 9974 08F: COMD 3375: Speech and Language Disorders in Children (new course)  
UC 9975 08F: COMD 3381: Audiology  
UC 9976 08F: COMD 3383: Language Disorders  
UC 9977 08F: COMD 3399: Senior Honors Thesis  
UC 9978 08F: COMD 4333: Neuroscience for Communication Disorders  
UC 9979 08F: COMD 4399: Senior Honors Thesis in Communication Disorders

**UC 10234 09S: Degree Programs Committee – CBM003s Report -2/4/09**

UC 10040 08F: SOC 3336: Socialization (deleting course)  
UC 10041 08F: SOC 3378: Political Sociology (deleting course)  
UC 10060 08F: OPTO 3367: Biomedical Science: A Case-Based Approach (deleting course)  
UC 10061 08F: OPTO 3397: Selected Topics in Optometry (deleting course)  
UC 10062 08F: CUIIN 3111: Educational Technology for Children I  
UC 10063 08F: CUIIN 3112: Educational Technology for Children II  
UC 10064 08F: CUIIN 3113: Educational Technology for Children III  
UC 10065 08F: CUIIN 3121: Educational Technology for Adolescents I  
UC 10066 08F: CUIIN 3122: Educational Technology for Adolescents II  
UC 10067 08F: CUIIN 3123: Educational Technology for Adolescents III  
UC 10068 08F: CUIIN 3201: Teaching Young Children  
UC 10069 08F: CUIIN 3202: Content-Focused Teaching  
UC 10071 08F: CUIIN 3222: Content Focused Teaching for Middle Grades  
UC 10072 08F: CUIIN 3313: Educational Technology  
UC 10073 08F: CUIIN 3316: Prekindergarten Curriculum

UC 10074 08F: CUIIN 3317: Kindergarten and Elementary School Programs  
 UC 10075 08F: CUIIN 3350: Knowing and Learning Science and Mathematics (new course)  
 UC 10076 08F: CUIIN 3351: Classroom Interactions in Science and Mathematics (new course)  
 UC 10077 08F: CUIIN 3352: Perspectives of Mathematics and Science (new course)  
 UC 10078 08F: CUIIN 4315: Assessment of Children  
 UC 10079 08F: CUIIN 4318: Organizing an Environment for Young Children  
 UC 10080 08F: CUIIN 4350: Multiple Teaching Strategies for Math and Science (new course)  
 UC 10081 08F: EDUC 4322: Student Teaching : Theater - Elementary (new course)  
 UC 10082 08F: EDUC 4323: Student Teaching: Theater - Secondary (new course)  
 UC 10083 08F: ELED 3320: Survey of Literature for Children and Adolescents  
 UC 10084 08F: AAS 1310: Introduction to Africana Culture (new course)  
 UC 10085 08F: AAS 3301: Hip Hop History and Culture (new course)  
 UC 10086 08F: AAS 4440: History and Politics of the African Union (new course)  
 UC 10087 08F: ART 3363: Performance Art (new course)  
 UC 10088 08F: ART 3396: Selected Topics in Studio Practice  
 UC 10089 08F: ART 4396: Selected Topics in Studio Practice  
 UC 10091 08F: COMD 2396: Selected Topics in Communications Sciences and Disorders  
 UC 10092 08F: COMD 3396: Selected Topics in Communication Sciences and Disorders  
 UC 10093 08F: COMD 4198: Selected Topics in Communication Sciences and Disorders  
 UC 10094 08F: COMD 4382: Aural Rehabilitation  
 UC 10095 08F: COMD 4390: Clinical Procedures II (deleting course)  
 UC 10096 08F: COMD 4489: Clinical Procedures  
 UC 10097 08F: DAN 1106: Ballet I (deleting course)  
 UC 10098 08F: DAN 1107: Ballet II (deleting course)  
 UC 10099 08F: DAN 1110: Jazz Dance I (deleting course)  
 UC 10100 08F: DAN 1111: Jazz Dance II (deleting course)  
 UC 10101 08F: DAN 1112: Modern Dance I (deleting course)  
 UC 10102 08F: DAN 1113: Modern Dance II (deleting course)  
 UC 10103 08F: DAN 1115: Tap Dance (deleting course)  
 UC 10104 08F: DAN 3207: Movement Analysis in Dance (deleting course)  
 UC 10105 08F: DAN 4102: Modern Dance III (deleting course)  
 UC 10106 08F: DAN 4103: Ballet III (deleting course)  
 UC 10107 08F: DAN 4104: Jazz Dance III (deleting course)  
 UC 10108 08F: DAN 4106: Dance Performance Workshop (deleting course)  
 UC 10109 08F: DAN 4297: Selected Topics in World-Dance (deleting course)

**UC 10239 09S: Degree Programs Committee – CBM003s Report -2/11/09**

UC 10110 08F: THEA 1101: Fundamentals of Arts Marketing (new course)  
 UC 10111 08F: THEA 1102: Fundamentals of Fundraising (new course)  
 UC 10112 08F: THEA 1111: Production  
 UC 10113 08F: THEA 1112: Production  
 UC 10114 08F: THEA 1329: Voice and Articulation for Nonmajors (new course)  
 UC 10115 08F: THEA 1338: Acting I  
 UC 10116 08F: THEA 1340: Beginning Acting for Nonmajors (new course)  
 UC 10117 08F: THEA 1341: Intermediate Acting for Nonmajors (new course)  
 UC 10118 08F: THEA 2100: Theatre Education Internship (new course)  
 UC 10119 08F: THEA 2334: Fundamentals of Design (new course)  
 UC 10120 08F: THEA 2335: Scenic Technology  
 UC 10121 08F: THEA 2336: Lighting and Sound Technology  
 UC 10122 08F: THEA 2373: Costume Technology  
 UC 10123 08F: THEA 3365: Costume History II (deleting course)  
 UC 10124 08F: THEA 3366: Stage Makeup II (deleting course)

- UC 10125 08F: THEA 4241: Advanced Acting (deleting course)
- UC 10126 08F: THEA 4242: Advanced Directing (deleting course)
- UC 10127 08F: THEA 4301: Dialects for Actor II (deleting course)
- UC 10128 08F: THEA 4303: Text Analysis for the Actor (deleting course)
- UC 10129 08F: THEA 4305: Theatre in Elementary and Secondary Schools (new course)
- UC 10130 08F: THEA 4306: Educational Theatre and Program Management in Schools (new course)
- UC 10131 08F: THEA 4307: Introduction to Educational Theatre (new course)
- UC 10132 08F: THEA 4392: Selected Topics in Vocal Production (deleting course)
- UC 10133 08F: THEA 4600: Advanced Theatre Education Internship (new course)
- UC 10134 08F: GLBT 2360: Introduction to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies (new course)
- UC 10135 08F: GLBT 3396: Selected Topics in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies (new course)
- UC 10136 08F: MUSI 4122: Electronic Composition (new course)
- UC 10137 08F: SOC 3399: Senior Honors Thesis (new course)
- UC 10138 08F: WCL 4366: Latin American and Latino Film Studies
- UC 10139 08F: CUST 3320: Multicultural Environments in Urban Settings
- UC 10140 08F: BTEC 3100: Biotechnology Research Methods and Applications
- UC 10141 08F: ELET 4332: Physiological Systems Modeling and Simulation (new course)

**UC 10252 09S: Degree Programs Committee – CBM003s Report -2/18/09**

- UC 10142 08F: COSC 3330: Computer Architecture
- UC 10143 08F: COSC 4335: Data Mining (new course)
- UC 10144 08F: COSC 4353: Software Design
- UC 10145 08F: COSC 4354: Software Development Practices
- UC 10146 08F: MATH 3311: Functions and Modeling (new course)
- UC 10147 08F: MATH 3339: Statistics for the Sciences
- UC 10148 08F: CHEE 3363: Fluid Mechanics for Chemical Engineers
- UC 10149 08F: CHEE 3367: Process Modeling and Control
- UC 10150 08F: CHEE 4321: Chemical Engineering Design
- UC 10151 08F: MECE 3334: Thermodynamics II
- UC 10152 08F: MECE 3345: Materials Science
- UC 10153 08F: MECE 3360: Experimental Methods
- UC 10154 08F: MECE 3363: Introduction to Fluid Mechanics
- UC 10155 08F: MECE 3369: Solid Mechanics
- UC 10156 08F: MECE 3371: Numerical Methods for Mechanical Engineers
- UC 10157 08F: MECE 5307: Fracture of Structural Materials
- UC 10158 08F: MECE 5332: Introduction to Continuum Mechanics
- UC 10159 08F: MECE 5339: Introduction to Engineering Alloys
- UC 10160 08F: MECE 5349: Hydro/Aerodynamics (new course)
- UC 10161 08F: MECE 5377: Fundamentals of Nondestructive Testing
- UC 10162 08F: MECE 5388: Intelligent Structural Systems
- UC 10195 08F: GEOL 3378: Principles of Atmospheric Science (removing from Nat Sci Core)

**D Degree Programs Committee – Programs:**

The following documents were approved by the Council.

**UC 10254 09S: Degree Programs Committee Report 2/18/09**

- UC 10191 08F: B.S.M.E. in Mechanical Engineering degree plan change

UC 10219 08F: B.B.A. degree plan change (reduction to 120 hours)  
UC 10228 09S: Bachelor of Arts Degree - Special Requirements (Change)  
UC 10229 09S: Updating Catalog Information on Study Abroad Programs

**UC 10256 09S: Degree Programs Committee Report - 2/18/09**

UC 10240 09S: NSM Catalog Changes Reflecting the 120 Hour Rule  
UC 10251 09S: NSM Catalog Changes to Special Requirements

**V New Business:**

- A** Dr. Kasschau brought up the issue of reserving rooms for departmental exams. It was recommended that he contact the Registration and Academic Records to discuss this concern.
- B** Vice Chair Simon Bott informed the Council that a nominating committee needs to be created during March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting to nominate next year's Undergraduate Council chair.

**VI Adjournment at 4:17 p.m.**