

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

## UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL Minutes for October 22, 2008

A meeting of the University of Houston Undergraduate Council convened at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22, 2008, in room 220 of the E. Cullen Building.

Members Present: Bill Barnes, Betty Barr, Simon Bott, Lawrence Curry, Agnes DeFranco, William Dupré, Lucas Faulkenberry, Sarah Fishman, Catherine Hatfield, Martha Haun, Christina Hughes, Richard Kasschau, Iain Morrison, Charles Peters, Laurence Rapp, Richard Scamell, Kevin Simon, Ron Singer, John Snyder, Maria Soliño, Rebecca Achee Thornton, Jerry Waite, Dana Wierzbicki, Lawrence Williams

Members Absent: Amanda Baumle, Roger Blakeney, Elaine Charlson, Debbie Hermann, Stephen Huang, Partha Krishnamurthy, William Munson, Norma Olvera, Melissa Pierson, Michelangelo Sabatino (for John Zemanek Fall '08), Nina Tucci, Djuana Young

Guests: Diane Bruxvoort (Library)

Staff: Marsha Daly

### **I Call to Order; Minutes for 9/24/08**

Council was called to order by Dr. Lawrence Williams at 3:00 p.m. Minutes from 9/24/08 were accepted with one amendment.

VI. A. UC 9773 08F, last line should read ...."loss of classroom use...."

### **II Announcements**

**A** NOTE: All meetings are held in the President's Boardroom, #220 E. Cullen, unless otherwise noted.  
Fall 2008 Meetings: 10/22/08, 11/19/08, 12/10/08  
Spring 2009 Meetings: 1/28/09, 2/25/09, 3/25/09, 4/22/09, 6/3/09, 7/8/09

**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:

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UC-CORE-CURRICULUM@LISTSERV.UH.EDU  
UC-NEWS@LISTSERV.UH.EDU (Minutes only)

**D Ad Hoc Committee on Orientation:** the committee may be established jointly with the Faculty Senate.

**E Investiture:** Rescheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. in the Cullen Performance Hall. Faculty are encouraged to attend and participate in the processional.

**III Administration Representatives Reports:** no reports.

**IV PeopleSoft update: Debbie Hermann, Registrar.** No report.

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

Make up days for classes cancelled due to Hurricane Ike: Thursday evening and Saturday classes are to be arranged by professors with their students.

What is the current status of having PeopleSoft do course prerequisite checking?

**V College Readiness Standards: Agnes DeFranco, Assistant Vice President for Undergraduate Studies**

UC 9914 08F: Toward a More Comprehensive Conception of College Readiness

UC 9915 08F: Texas College Readiness Standards

College professor and High School teachers are working together. There are 1000 professors at 84 institutions.

All modules will be online within the next three years.

Standards in this initiative are being compared to TAKs tests.

**VI Achieving the Dream: Agnes DeFranco, Assistant Vice President for Undergraduate Studies**

UH is selected as their initiative, Transfer Student Success.

1. Transfer credit evaluation - efficient and transparent
2. Academic advisors in targeted community colleges. Six have been hired and are currently in training.
3. Transfer Orientation. Less than 20% currently go to orientation.

A brainstorming session will be held with Gulf Coast community colleges in November. Focus groups with students will also be conducted.

Transfer students to UH have a good graduation rate, but they aren't as prepared as they should be when they first arrive here.

**VII Committee Reports**

**A Academic Policies and Procedures Committee: report(s) available on table at meeting**

**UC 9843 08F: Academic Policies and Procedures Committee Report 10/21/08:**

**Correction:** UC 9755 08S – is not being recommended for approval.

UC 9804 08F: Spanish Major GPA – approved by Council

**A motion was made, and seconded, to refer the following two documents back to Committee:**

UC 9755 08S: Calculation of GPA in Major and Minor

UC 9796 08F: Calculation of GPA in Major

**B Core Curriculum Committee: no report**

**C Degree Programs Committee – CBM003s: report(s) available on table at meeting**

UC 9841 08F: Degree Programs - CBM003 Report 10/1/08: approved

UC 9842 08F: Degree Programs - CBM003 Report 10/15/08: approved

**D Degree Programs Committee – Programs:**

UC 9839 08F: Degree Programs Committee – Programs Report 10/1/08: approved

UC 9840 08F: Degree Programs Committee – Programs Report 10/15/08: approved

**VIII FYI Documents:**

**A UC 9795 08F: FYI: Terminology from Concentration to Major**

**B UC 9803 08F: Executive Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Approval Memo**

**IX Old Business/New Business**

**New:**

**Library:** Members of the library are interested in better integration of their services and the classroom.

**X Adjournment at 4:24 p.m.**