

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

UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL Minutes for April 21, 2010

A meeting of the University of Houston Undergraduate Council convened at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, in room 306 (Faculty Senate Office), M.D. Anderson Library (3rd floor).

Members Present: Betty Barr, Miranda Bennett, Roger Blakeney, Joel Bloom, Simon Bott, Dennis Bozeman, Elaine Charlson, Agnes Defranco, William Dupré, Lucus Faulkenberry, Sarah Fishman, Debbie Herman, Stephen Huang, Richard Kasschau, Iain Morrison, Charles Peters, Melissa Pierson, Laurence Rapp, Richard Scamell, Kevin Simon, John Snyder, George Trail, Jerry Waite, Larry Williams, Louis Williams, John Zemanek

Members Absent: Amanda Baumle, Martha Dunkelberger, Erica Fletcher, Randy Hayden, Christina Hughes, Bill Kretlow, William Munson, María Elena Soliño, Nina Tucci, Djuana Young, Mariam Zakaria

Guests: Tyler Priest (BAUER), Katherine Frazier (TECH), Neil Eldin (TECH), Johnnie T. (SGA), Lesley Sisk (ENGR); Bill Monroe (Honors), Steve Soutullo (Academic Affairs); Michelangelo Sabatino (ARCH)

Staff: Jeanette Morales, Heidi Kennedy

I Call to Order; Minutes for 3/24/10

Council was called to order by Dr. Lawrence Williams at 3:05 p.m. Minutes from 3/24/10 were accepted.

II Announcements

A NOTE: All meetings are held in the Elizabeth D. Rockwell Pavilion, M.D. Anderson Library (2nd floor), unless otherwise noted.
Summer 2010 Meetings: 6/2/10, 7/7/10

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 listservs:
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 Larry Williams announced that the energy symposium will be held this Friday, April 23rd at the UH Hilton. A few seats remain open and registration is required.

E The University of Houston was officially recognized by the Princeton Review as one of the top 286 universities/colleges for being environmentally "green".

F The Undergraduate Council will meet on June 2nd (possibly by email) to discuss minor bylaw changes, March deadline for degree plan changes/policy submissions, and address any other minor UC issues to wrap up the academic year.

III Election of 2010 – 2011 UC Chair (UC 10805 10S)

Nominees for 2010-2011 UC Chair are Simon Bott and Bill Dupré.

No open floor nominations were cast forth.

After the official count of written ballots was submitted, Larry Williams announced that Simon Bott was voted as next Undergraduate Council Chair for 2010-2011 academic year. Congratulations Dr. Bott!

IV Administrative Reports

A THECB Core Curriculum Changes (Agnes Defranco)

Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Studies, Agnes Defranco presented to the Council the THECB core curriculum changes. The change was to condense core objectives: instead of having several exemplary educational objectives, it was condensed to six EEOs (more concise & organized when assessing the core curriculum). These proposed exemplary educational objectives are: critical thinking skills, communication skills, empirical and quantitative skills, teamwork, social responsibility, and personal responsibility. Dr. Defranco distributed a handout to Council members showing how the six EEOs fit into UH's foundational component areas (i.e., communication, math, visual/performing arts, humanities, etc.). Since the EEOs are still in the proposal stage and haven't been approved by the THECB yet, Agnes Defranco asked the Council members for their input and to relay comments to her before the June 2010 THECB meeting.

B Admissions (Steve Soutullo, Associate Vice President for Student Access and Success)

Thus far, the Office of Admissions has received a little over 17,300 FTIC applications and 8300 applicants were admitted for the fall 2010 semester. The 8300 applicants that were admitted for the fall, UH will focus on the students most likely to succeed (will look at SAT scores and class rank). FTICs are required to attend New Student Orientation.

The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid has processed financial aid packages to students and will continue to do so daily.

Transfer applications are up and transfer students are enrolling in ART at a much higher rate than FTIC (18% of transfer applicants). As of today, 237 students have registered for April 23rd ART session.

Jeff Fuller, Director of Student Recruitment announced that the Office of Admissions has begun a call campaign to reach out to newly-admitted students who haven't registered for NSO and ART sessions.

V Modification to Proposed Freshman Admissions Standards

UC 10802 10S: Modification to Proposed Freshman Admissions Standards was approved by the Undergraduate Council.

VI Committee Reports

A Degree Programs Committee (Richard Scamell):

UC 10812 10S: Degree Programs Committee Report (CNST) - 4/14/10

UC 10787 10S: Amendment to the approved modifications to the Construction Management Degree Plan (UC 10482 09F)

Charles Peters suggested that the Bachelor of Science Special Requirement regarding the 12 hour formal sciences be revisited in a future meeting. Vice chair Simon Bott asked Charles Peters put together a proposal for the beginning of fall 2010.

The Undergraduate Council approved the report and UC 10787 10S.

UC 10810 10S: Degree Programs Committee Report (HNFP) - 3/31/10

UC 10298 09F: Justification of HNFDS Degree Plan Hours (ADA Track)

The Undergraduate Council approved the report and UC 10298 09F.

UC 10808 10S: Degree Programs Committee Report (World Cities Minor) – 3/31/10

UC 10798 10S: World Cities Minor (Revised Proposal)

The Undergraduate Council approved the report and UC 10798 10S.

UC 10809 10S: Degree Programs Committee Report (KIN/PEB) - 4/7/10

UC 10786 10S: Request to update CLASS Limitations on KIN & PEB credits

Council member Sarah Fishman suggested amending the catalog language because HHP recently moved to CLASS from the College of Education (therefore inheriting the KIN and PEB courses).

The Undergraduate Council approved as amended the report and UC 10786 10S.

UC 10811 10S: Degree Programs Committee Report (American Humanics) - 4/7/10

UC 10785 10S: Request to add American Humanics to satisfy CLASS Degree Requirement

The Undergraduate Council approved (with one abstention) as amended the report and UC 10785 10S.

UC 10807 10S: Degree Programs Committee Report (Global Studies) - 4/7/10

UC 10799 10S: Certificate in Global Studies and Research

A few Council members inquired why a CBM003 form wasn't created to formalize the capstone course (Global Studies and Research) at the same time the certificate was created. To remedy this issue, it was suggested (as an amendment) to submit the capstone course as a selected topics course for the time being and submit in fall 2010 a CBM003 form to formalize it into the certificate program for fall 2011.

The Undergraduate Council approved as amended the report and UC 10799 10S.

UC 10816 10S: Degree Programs Committee Report (Creative Work) - 4/14/10 – approved as to be amended.

UC 10803 10S: Creative Work Minor

Council members asked if students are able to “double-dip” or even “triple-dip” courses in this minor. UC Chair Larry Williams asked that Sarah Fishman create catalog language (as an amendment to the proposal) addressing “double/triple dipping” courses within the degree plan.

The Undergraduate Council approved as amended the report and UC 10803 10S.

UC 10813 10S: Degree Programs Committee Report (TECH) - 4/19/10

UC 10752 09F: Graphic Communication Technology and Computer Graphics Technology Minor Programs (Changes)

The Undergraduate Council approved the report and UC 10752 09F.

UC 10817 10S: Degree Programs Committee Report (HRM) – 4/21/10

UC 10304 09F: Minor Changes to Current HRM Degree Plan

Council member Kevin Simon was asked to present UC 10304 09F to the Council since the Degree Programs Committee didn’t get the chance to review this item.

The Undergraduate Council approved the report and UC 10304 09F.

B Academic Policies & Procedures Committee (Simon Bott):

UC 10814 10S: Academic Policies & Procedures Committee Report - 4/16/10

UC 10801 10S: Change in Honors College Designations

The Undergraduate Council approved the report and UC 10801 10S.

UC 10804 10S: College of Pharmacy Grade Point Average Policy

Catalog language was amended to address pre-pharmacy students who do not wish/or can’t continue on to pharmacy beginning their junior year (i.e. GPA below a 2.0).

The Undergraduate Council approved the report and approved as amended UC 10804 10S.

UC 10815 10S: Academic Policies & Procedures Committee Report - 4/7/10

UC 10773 10S: NSM Readmission from Academic Suspension (Catalog Language Change)

UC 10782 10S: Clarification of Catalog Language regarding Academic Standing

UC 10783 10S: Request to Delete Outdated CLASS Course Limitation from Catalog

UC 10784 10S: Clarification of CLASS Policy on Special Problems & Internships in Catalog

The Undergraduate Council approved the report and the above mentioned UC items.

C Core Curriculum Committee (Larry Rapp on behalf of María Elena Soliño):

UC 10806 10S: Core Curriculum Committee Report - 4/14/10

UC 10795 10S: ILAS 3360: Cosmic Narratives (New Core Course)

Core Curriculum Committee approved ILAS 3360 as ILAS 2360.

UC 10797 10S: HRMA 3358: Hospitality Industry Law (New Core Course - WID)

VII Old/New Business

A Rubric Change CBM003 Process – will wait for Administration input for feasibility of implementation

B June 2nd UC Meeting

Larry Williams reiterated that a June 2nd UC meeting will be held (possibly by email) to discuss minor bylaw changes, March deadline for degree plan changes/policy submissions, and address any other minor UC issues to wrap up the academic year.

C Pending Undergraduate Council Items

Any pending UC items that are still currently pending will be dealt with this fall 2010 semester.

D UC Chair Larry Williams announced that he has enjoyed working with Council during his reign as chair. He also acknowledged and congratulated the Council members for their dedication and hard work in reviewing the many UC items this year. Council members applauded Larry Williams for his leadership and dedication to undergraduate education.

VIII FYI Documents

UC 10792 10S: Executive Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Approval Memo
UC 10793 10S: Executive Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Approval Memo
UC 10794 10S: Executive Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Approval Memo
UC 10795 10S: Executive Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Approval Memo
UC 10796 10S: Executive Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Approval Memo
UC 10800 10S: Executive Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Approval Memo

IX Adjournment 4:52pm