

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

UNDERGRADUATE COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Minutes for March 21, 2012

Room 306 (Faculty Senate Office), M.D. Anderson Library
3rd Floor
3pm – 5pm

A meeting of the University of Houston Faculty Senate Undergraduate Committee convened at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2012, in room 306, M.D. Anderson Library (Faculty Senate Office).

Members Present: Simon Bott, Preston Broom, Andrea Burrige, Carmen Carter, Mary Dawson, William Dupré, Lucas Faulkenberry, Tamara Fish, Christina Gola, Christine LeVeaux, William Munson, Bela Patel, Donna Pattison, Charles Peters, David Phillips, Melissa Pierson, Ruxandra Prodan-Boul, Richard Scamell, Shishir Shah, Kevin Simon, Ron Singer, María Elena Soliño, Stephen Soutullo, Nina Tucci, Jerry Waite, Larry Williams, Barry Wood, Djuana Young

Members Absent: Leonard Bachman, Agnes DeFranco, Richard DeFrank, Martha Dunkelberger, Richard Kasschau, Daniel Maxwell, David Mazella, Dale Rude

Guests: Lesley Sisk (ENGR – Dean’s Office), Trang Phan (ARCH)

Staff: Jeanette Morales, Heidi Kennedy

I Call to Order; Minutes for 2/22/2012

The Committee was called to order by Chair Simon Bott at 3:01pm. Minutes from 2/22/2012 were accepted.

II Announcements

A NOTE: All meetings are held in room 306 (Faculty Senate Office), M.D. Anderson Library unless, otherwise noted.

Spring/Summer 2012 Meetings: April 18, June 6, July 11

B Undergraduate Committee Web Address: <http://www.uh.edu/undergraduate-committee/>

Core Curriculum Web Address: <http://www.uh.edu/academics/catalog/policies/degree-reqts/current-core/index.php>

Undergraduate Catalog Web Address: <http://www.uh.edu/academics/catalog/>

C E-mail listservs:

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UC-POLICIES-PROCEDURES@LISTSERV.UH.EDU

UC-STUDENT-SUCCESS@LISTSERV.UH.EDU

UC-NEWS@LISTSERV.UH.EDU (Agenda and Minutes)

D Chair Simon Bott mentioned that the April 18th meeting will be devoted to discussing the core curriculum overhaul and the APP subcommittee charges.

III Administration Representatives' Reports

A Steve Soutullo, Enrollment Services

Steve announced that summer/fall 2012 registration begins April 7. Priority registration will end April 12.

B Djuana Young, Office of Admissions

The Office of Admissions opened registration for student conferences. The deadline for freshmen to register for NSO is June 1. ART conference registration deadline is July 1 (for transfer students). Deadline to submit freshmen applications and all credentials is April 1. The Office of Admissions and the Honors College are hosting a new honors scholars' event on Friday, April 20. Newly admitted honors students and scholarship recipients will have the opportunity to obtain advising, enroll in classes, etc. at this event.

IV UC Chair Nomination Ad Hoc Subcommittee – Nomination of 2012 – 2014 UC Chair

Ad Hoc Subcommittee chair, Charles Peters announced that María Elena Soliño and Jerry Waite were nominated as candidates for the 2012-2014 Undergraduate Committee chair position.

V Subcommittee Reports

A Academic Policies & Procedures Subcommittee – Jerry Waite, Chair

1. UC 11755 12S: Academic Policies & Procedures Subcommittee Report - 2/15/12

UC 11660 12S: Changes to Economics Major Declaration Requirements

UC 11736 12S: Proposal for a change in the minimum GPA requirement to declare a major in Economics

The fourth bulleted item on the proposed catalog language (UC 11755 report) was deemed awkward and the implications of the language were troublesome to the UC. After much discussion, the UC decided to bring forth a motion to table the proposal for rewording. Chair Simon Bott suggested that instead of discussing the new language at the next regular meeting, to email Jerry Waite and Ruxandra Prodan Boul with recommendations and decide from that point.

Pending:

UC 11737 12S: Proposal for change in GPA required to declare a major in Communication

UC 11738 12S: Update to CLASS Change of Major and Minor Policy

UC 11739 12S: Update to CLASS Nine Hours College Requirement

UC 11740 12S: Raising GPA Requirement for Declaring a Liberal Studies Major

UC 11748 12S: Clarification of College of Education Criteria for Graduation

B Core Curriculum Subcommittee – María Elena Soliño, Chair – Update

María Soliño asked the UC to let their department faculty know that the core curriculum change is essentially a name change and not to be nervous about it. Faculty will just need to fill out the new core forms. Simon Bott asked that about four to five UC faculty from different areas of the core curriculum fill out the new core form for a test drive.

C Degree Programs/CBM003 Subcommittee 1 – Charles Peters, Chair

1. UC 11756 12S: Degree Programs/CBM003 Subcommittee 1 Report - 3/7/12

UC 11569 11F: Changes to National Security Studies Minor
UC 11571 11F: POLS 2342: Introduction to National Security Studies (New Course)
UC 11572 11F: POLS 3323: Introduction to the Government and Politics of India (New Course)
UC 11573 11F: POLS 3344: International Law and the Law of War (New Course)
UC 11574 11F: POLS 3345: National Security Law (New Course)
UC 11575 11F: POLS 3372: Latino Politics (Course Change)
UC 11576 11F: POLS 4340: Intelligence Analysis (New Course)
UC 11577 11F: POLS 4341: Risk Analysis and Assessment (New Course)
UC 11578 11F: SOC 3366: Sociology of Art (New Course)
UC 11726 12S: Catalog Changes to the Geophysics Major
UC 11735 12S: India Studies Minor (Revised)
UC 11749 12S: Proposal for College of Education Pre-Majors
UC 11750 12S: Major Name Changes in B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies
UC 11751 12S: Degree Plan Changes to the Proposed Majors formerly known as B. S. in Interdisciplinary Studies
UC 11752 12S: Health Degree Plan Reorganization
UC 11753 12S: Modification of Education Minor
UC 11754 12S: Changes to Asian American Studies Minor

The items mentioned above and the report were approved by the Committee. Charles Peters informed the UC that his subcommittee will have one more meeting.

Pending:

UC 11711 12S: Pre-Nursing Program for the UH/UTSON Dual Degree
UC 11712 12S: Proposed Minor in Global and International Studies
UC 11741 12S: ASLI Catalog Revisions

D Degree Programs/CBM003 Subcommittee 2 – Luke Faulkenberry, Chair

1. UC 11757 12S: Degree Programs/CBM003 Subcommittee #2 Report - 2/29/12

UC 11662 12S: Course Requirement for Spanish Majors
UC 11666 11F: SPAN 3306: Introduction to the Study of the Spanish Language (Course Change)
UC 11677 12S: Proposed Minor in Arab Studies
UC 11681 11F: HIND 1502: Beginning Hindi II (Course Change)
UC 11682 11F: HIND 2301: Intermediate Hindi I (Course Change)
UC 11683 11F: HIND 2302: Intermediate Hindi II (Course Change)
UC 11684 12S: Changes in Required Courses for B.A. in Italian Studies
UC 11706 12S: Add HON 3301H to the Health Communication Concentration

UC 11707 12S: Add COMM 4334 to List of Approved Electives for Media Studies Concentration and Interpersonal Communication Concentration
UC 11708 11F: Removal of Engineering Footnote
UC 11713 12S: Changes to Film Studies Minor

The items mentioned above were approved by the Committee. The report was approved as amended by the UC. Amendment: Marta Fairclough was incorrectly stated on the subcommittee report that she is from Modern & Classical Languages. She is faculty from the Hispanic Studies department.

2. UC 11758 12S: Degree Programs/CBM003 Subcommittee #2 Report - 3/7/12 - Melissa Pierson

UC 11384 11F: CORE 1101: College Success (Course Change)
UC 11663 11F: SPAN 1501: Elementary Spanish I (Course Change)
UC 11664 11F: SPAN 3301: Spanish Oral Communication for Critical Thinking (Course Change)
UC 11665 11F: SPAN 3302: Advanced Spanish for Non-Heritage Learners (Course Change)
UC 11678 11F: CLAS 3341: The Roman Republic
UC 11696 11F: PHIL 3386: History of Nineteenth Century Philosophy (Course Change)
UC 11697 11F: THEA 3283: Stage Management III (Course Change)-
UC 11698 11F: THEA 3310: Playwriting I (Course Change)
UC 11699 11F: THEA 3311: Playwriting II (Course Change)
UC 11700 11F: THEA 4323: Dramaturgy (Course Change)
UC 11701 11F: THEA 4283: Seminar in Stage Management (Course Change)

The items mentioned above and the report were approved by the Committee.

Pending:

UC 11625 11F: PORT 1505: Elementary Portuguese (New Course)
UC 11627 11F: PORT 2305: Intermediate Portuguese I (New Course)
UC 11742 12S: Minor in Jewish Studies
UC 11743 12S: Amending the Health Communication Minor Approved Courses
UC 11744 12S: Amending the Journalism Concentration Approved Electives
UC 11745 12S: Amending the Corporate Communication Concentration Approved Courses
UC 11746 12S: Proposed Health & Human Performance Degree Plan Changes
UC 11747 12S: Proposal for a B.A. in World Cultures and Literatures

E Student Success Subcommittee – Update

Larry Williams met with Libby Barlow regarding first year experience. The subcommittee is working on a resource document to be used during orientations. The plan is to add this document to the orientation packets for students and parents. Larry Williams welcomed the UC to email him any input regarding this resource document. Also, Simon Bott encouraged faculty to volunteer for parent panels at orientations. He will send out an email for this volunteer opportunity.

VI FYI Documents

UC 11728 12S: Executive Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Approval Memo
UC 11729 12S: Executive Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Approval Memo
UC 11730 12S: Executive Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Approval Memo

UC 11731 12S: Executive Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Approval Memo
UC 11732 12S: Executive Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Approval Memo
UC 11733 12S: Executive Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Approval Memo
UC 11734 12S: Executive Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Approval Memo

VII Old Business

Jeanette Morales had sent out an email regarding UCC items for UC comments. Simon Bott asked the UC to read the four proposed items and send comments to the UCC.

VIII Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:13pm.