

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

## UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL Minutes for May 14, 2008

A meeting of the University of Houston Undergraduate Council convened at 3:08 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, in the Rockwell Pavilion, M.D. Anderson Library.

Members Present: Libby Barlow, Betty Barr, Joel Bloom, Simon Bott, Elaine Charlson, Lawrence Curry, Agnes DeFranco, William Dupré, Sarah Fishman, Nancy Graves, Nathan Jarvis, Richard Kasschau, Partha Krishnamurthy, Barbara Lewis, Iain Morrison, Norma Olvera, Charles Peters, Laurence Rapp, Rebecca Achee Thornton, Dalibor Torbica, Lawrence Williams

Members Absent: Josie Anderson, Roger Blakeney, Lucas Faulkenberry, Martha Haun, Natalie Houston, William Munson, Barbara Snelling, Maria Soliño, George Trail, John Zemanek

Guests: Miranda Bennett (Library), Diane Bruxvoort (Library), Donald Foss (Provost), Dan Gardner (Planning & Initiatives), Renu Khator (President), Sal Loria (Financial Aid), Kishore Mohanty (CHEE), Lesley Sisk (ENGR)

Staff: Izzy Anderson, Marsha Daly, Heidi Kennedy

### **I Call to Order; Minutes for 4/16/08**

Council was called to order by Dr. Joel Bloom at 3:08 p.m. Minutes from 4/16/08 were accepted.

### **II Announcements**

**A** NOTE: All meetings are held in the President's Boardroom, #220 E. Cullen, unless otherwise noted.  
**Spring 2008 Meetings:** 5/14/08, 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)

**III Administration Representatives Reports:** no report

**IV PeopleSoft update: Libby Barlow, Registrar:** no report  
Web address: <http://www.uh.edu/peoplesoft/>

**V Committee Reports**

**A Academic Policies and Procedures Committee:**

**UC 9744 08S: Academic Policies and Procedures Committee Report 4/1/08**

UC 9741 08S: Policy for Drops after the Last Day for Dropping Courses: this document was approved, with one opposed.

The remaining document in this report (UC 9742 08S:Registration Proposal) will be discussed at the first meeting in Fall 2008.

**UC 9759 08S: Academic Policies and Procedures Committee Report 5/13/08: Approved**

**B Core Curriculum Committee: no report**

**C Degree Programs Committee:**

**UC 9757 08S: Degree Programs Committee Report 4/30/08: Approved**

**VI UC 9753 08S: B.A. in Liberal Studies request for support of idea (new major):** Concept is approved.

**VII Renu Khator, Ph.D., U.H. System Chancellor, U.H. President**

Need clarity of what “top tier” means before we can set a pathway to the destination. Exercises are being conducted to identify our peers.

Students must be very important to all of us. We have to provide a top tier experience if we hope to be a top tier school.

UH Systems compete against each other for students. We need to leverage the System better. We also need a better mix of students – including out of state, international, and graduate students. Clearer pathways for everyone in the local community should be established so students can succeed when they choose UH.

Faculty charge: do what you are best at – creation and dissemination of knowledge (teaching and research). Individual faculty and small units (clubs, student meetings) have an impact on retention. Students feel cared for and challenged.

**VIII Old Business/New Business: none**

**IX Adjournment at 5:00 pm**