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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
AUGUST 31, 2005

A meeting of the University of Houston Undergraduate Council convened at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31, 2005, in the Shamrock Ballroom, Hilton University of Houston Hotel.

Members Present: Betty Barr, Roger Blakeney, Joel Bloom, William Chernish, Agnes DeFranco, Luces Faulkenberry, Sarah Fishman, Horace Gray, Martha Haun, Natalie Houston, Richard A. Kasschau, Mario Lucchesi, William Monroe, William Munson, Charles Peters, Richard Scamell, Barbara Snelling, Maria Solino, Barbara Tatum, Rebecca Achee Thornton, George Trail, Lawrence Williams

Members Absent: Simon Bott, Elaine Charlson, Ross Lence, John Zemanek

Guests: Libby Barlow, Institution Research; Susanna Finnell, Admissions; Diana Velez, UADR; Patricia Cavanaugh, Registration and Academic Records

Staff: Brian McKinney, Patty Schwerin and Marsha Daly

I Call to Order

Council Chair Lawrence Williams called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

II Announcements

A Scheduled Meetings for Undergraduate Council, in the Hilton Hotel, September 21, October 19, November 16, December 7

B **Core Curriculum Website:** <http://www.uh.edu/academics/corecurriculum/>
Undergraduate Studies Catalog Website: <http://www.uh.edu/academics/catalog/>

C **Undergraduate Council Website:** <http://www.uh.edu/undergraduatecouncil/index.html>

D **Textbook Policy:** May be found on the Faculty Senate website.

E **Interim Report on Shared Governance:** May be found on the Faculty Senate website. The final report will be published very soon.

F **Council committee assignments** will be finalized in the next few days.

Richard Scamell will chair the Academic Policies & Procedures Committee
Horace Gray will chair the Degree Programs Committee

G **Ross Lence** will return to Council service in the Spring semester.

H **With a new administration it is an interesting time at the University.** We have an opportunity to be a part of change and to effect change. To name a few:

Retention and Graduation
Transfer Policy
Enhance the undergraduate experience: teaching, research, extra curricular activities

III Visit with Provost

Dr. Foss will visit at a later date. The administration is developing plans for enrollment of students displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

IV Institutional Research: Undergraduate Persistence Study

Libby Barlow presented information collected in the Persistence Study. The survey was conducted in Spring 2003. Data from the 2005 survey is just beginning to be analyzed.

VI Adjourned at 4:47 p.m.