

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

UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL

Minutes for April 22 2009

A meeting of the University of Houston Undergraduate Council convened at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, in room 336, Farish Hall.

Members Present: Bill Barnes, Betty Barr, Roger Blakeney, Simon Bott, Lawrence Curry, Agnes DeFranco, William Dupré, Sarah Fishman, Debbie Hermann, Stephen Huang, Partha Krishnamurthy, William Munson, Charles Peters, Melissa Pierson, Laurence Rapp, Richard Scamell, Kevin Simon, John Snyder, María Soliño, Rebecca Achee Thornton, Jerry Waite, Dana Wierzbicki, Lawrence Williams

Members Absent: Amanda Baumle, Elaine Charlson, Luces Faulkenberry, Catherine Hatfield, Martha Haun, Christina Hughes, Richard Kasschau, Rincy Mathai, Iain Morrison, Norma Olvera, Michelangelo Sabatino (for John Zemanek, spring 2009), Ron Singer, Nina Tucci, Djuana Young

Guests: Diana Velez (UScholars), Ursula Scheren (UScholars), Sara Ali (Daily Cougar), Martha Dunkelberger (COMD), Scott Basinger (POLs), Steven Wallace (THEA/DAN), Brian Byrnes (THEA/DAN), Robert Shimko (THEA/DAN), Jackie deMontmollin (THEA/DAN), Jim Johnson (THEA/DAN), Teresa Chapman (THEA/DAN), Tom Behr (HIST)

Staff: Heidi Kennedy, Jeanette Morales

I Call to Order; Minutes for 3/25/09

Council was called to order by Chair Lawrence Williams at 3:05 p.m. Minutes from 3/25/09 were accepted.

II Announcements

A NOTE: Meetings for spring 2009 will be held in the Elizabeth Rockwell Pavilion, M.D. Anderson Library (2nd floor), unless otherwise noted.

Spring 2009 Meetings: 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/>

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UC-DEGREE-PROGRAMS@LISTSERV.UH.EDU

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UC-CORE-CURRICULUM@LISTSERV.UH.EDU

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

D Dr. María Soliño announced that Undergraduate Council colleague, Nina Tucci (MCL/French Studies) received a teaching excellence award and missed today's Council meeting to receive her award at the Faculty Awards Ceremony this afternoon.

III Administrative Reports

No reports.

IV PeopleSoft update: Debbie Hermann, Registrar.

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

No reports.

V Election of the 2009-2010 Undergraduate Council Chair

Vice chair, Simon Bott announced Drs. Larry Williams and María Soliño as the nominees for Council chair. A call for open nominations from the floor were also made, however none were received. After the discussion of committee reports, Dr. Simon Bott announced that Larry Williams was re-elected as Council chair for the 2009-2010 academic year. Simon Bott also thanked Dr. Soliño for running in the election.

VI Committee Reports

A Academic Policies and Procedures Committee:

The following documents were approved by the Council:

UC 10274 09S: Academic Policies and Procedures Committee Report – 4/13/09

UC 10265 09S: Request for Implementation of USD Task Force Recommendations

UC 10267 09S: Credit for Chemistry Labs

UC 10272 09S: Undergraduate Drop Policy

B Degree Programs Committee – Programs:

The following documents were approved by the Council.

UC 10275 09S: Degree Programs Committee Report - 4/15/09

UC 10255 09S: Changes to BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences

UC 10276 09S: Degree Programs Committee Report - 4/15/09

UC 10271 09S: Proposed 120-hour changes to HHP Degree Plans

UC 10277 09S: Degree Programs Committee Report - 4/15/09

UC 10273 09S: ASLI Catalogue Language: Brief Overview

UC 10278 09S: Degree Programs Committee Report - 4/15/09

UC 10218 08F: Quantitative Social Science minor (new minor)

A friendly amendment to the report language was made. A council member asked

to add “any of” to the sentence “Upon approval and implementation of the Quantitative Social Science minor, this requirement will state that QSS 2300 can be replaced by **any of** the five previously listed course.”

UC 10279 09S: Degree Programs Committee Report - 4/19/09

UC 10241 09S: Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in Liberal Arts Studies (New Degree)

UC 10280 09S: Degree Programs Committee Report - 4/1/09

UC 10242 09S: Comprehensive Revisions to the School of THEA & DAN Undergraduate Program - Memo 1

UC 10244 09S: Justifications of Changes/Revisions to the Undergraduate Program in the School of THEA & DAN

UC 10245 09S: Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree with a major in Theatre (track: Acting) – New Degree

UC 10248 09S: Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in Dance (New Degree)

UC 10257 09S: Proposed Catalogue Language in Theatre

UC 10258 09S: Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree with a Major in Theatre (track: Teacher Certification n Theatre Arts)

VII FYI Documents

UC 10270 09S: Executive Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Approval Memo

VIII New Business:

Vice chair Simon Bott informed the Council that the USD is inviting Council members to participate in the upcoming orientation sessions. For freshman orientations, Dr. Bott will send out an email to UC members asking them to volunteer in a faculty panel (one hour of a Friday morning) in which parents will have the opportunity to speak to faculty about UH.

VX Adjournment at 4:12 p.m.