

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

## UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL Minutes for December 10, 2008

A meeting of the University of Houston Undergraduate Council convened at 3:07 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, in the Flamingo room of the Hilton University of Houston.

Members Present: Bill Barnes, Betty Barr, Roger Blakeney, Simon Bott, Lawrence Curry, Agnes DeFranco, William Dupré, Lucus Faulkenberry, Sarah Fishman, Martha Haun, Debbie Hermann, Richard Kasschau, Rincy Mathai, William Munson, Norma Olvera, Charles Peters, Melissa Pierson, Laurence Rapp, Richard Scamell, Kevin Simon, Ron Singer, John Snyder, Maria Soliño, Jerry Waite, Dana Wierzbicki, Lawrence Williams

Members Absent: Amanda Baumle, Elaine Charlson, Catherine Hatfield, Stephen Huang, Christina Hughes, Partha Krishnamurthy, Iain Morrison, Michelangelo Sabatino (for John Zemanek Fall '08), Rebecca Achee Thornton, Nina Tucci, Djuana Young

Guests: Martha Dunkelberger (COMD), Demetrius Pearson (HHP), Rey Trevino (HHP), Diana Velez (UScholars)

Staff: Marsha Daly, Heidi Kennedy

### **I Call to Order; Minutes for 11/19/08**

Council was called to order by Dr. Lawrence Williams at 3:07 p.m. Minutes from 11/19/08 were accepted.

### **II Announcements**

#### **A NOTE: Meetings will no longer be held in the President's Boardroom.**

Fall 2008 Meetings: 12/10/08

Spring 2009 Meetings: 1/28/09, 2/25/09, 3/25/09, 4/22/09, 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/>

#### **C E-mail listserves:**

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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 Today is Marsha's last meeting with us. Jeanette Morales has been hired as her replacement.**

### **III Administration Representatives Reports:**

- A** The Provost announced at today's Faculty Senate that SACS has approved our reaffirmation of accreditation through 2018, with no conditions. Thank you to all the faculty for their assistance in this process.

SACS also praised our QEP for its thoroughness.

- B** The State mandates that all degree programs must observe the 120-SCH limit "unless the institution determines that there is a compelling academic reason for requiring completion of additional semester credit hours for the degree."

Architecture, Engineering, and Education with teacher preparation, all meet the "compelling academic reason" for their additional hours.

UC can expect to see proposals from other department as they revise their programs to meet the mandated 120 hour degree total.

- C** Dr. DeFranco serves on the Undergraduate Educational Advising Committee at THECB. Current topics they are looking at:

Transfer of 66 hours from a community college . Result when they get to the four year institution is that they often only have to take 54 hours to receive the degree.

Dual credit is that college credit that student receives while in High School. They can, and often do, take many hours which do will not count toward their degree when they select a major in college. The other issue is that they do count toward the enrollment cap.

If you have suggestions on how to address either of these issues, please share them with Dr. DeFranco.

- D** THECB will begin looking closely at Core Curriculum in 2009. They will be looking at course level (1000- and 2000-levels) and prerequisites.

**IV PeopleSoft update: Debbie Hermann, Registrar.**

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

- A** PeopleSoft is open for entry of grades. Please remember, without grades being submitted for a student they cannot be certified for graduation, their financial aid for Spring cannot be calculated, and we cannot run academic standing.

- B** Where can faculty see which Ws do not count toward the 6W limit?  
There is a modification coming that will identify these on the transcript.

**V Committee Reports**

**A Academic Policies and Procedures Committee:**

**UC 10048 08F: Academic Policies and Procedures Committee Report I 11/12/08**

UC 9773 08F: Class scheduling (time bands) – Defeated, as recommended

**UC 10217 08F: Academic Policies and Procedures Committee Report 12/3/08** – Approved  
No action necessary on UC 9846 08F

**B Core Curriculum Committee:**

**UC 10046 08F: Core Curriculum Committee Report 10/29/08** – Approved  
UC 9901 08F – deleted from this report

**UC 10047 08F: Core Curriculum Committee Report 11/12/08** – Approved

The Core Curriculum Committee and UC Chair will work with Dr. DeFranco to develop a proposal on justification for several MCL classes to be considered for Core, even though they are 3000-level classes.

**C Degree Programs Committee – CBM003s:**

**UC 9927 08F: Degree Programs Committee - CBM003 Report 10/29/08** – Approved

**UC 10044 08F: Degree Programs - CBM003 Report 11/5/08** – Approved

**UC 10045 08F: Degree Programs - CBM003 Report 11/12/08** – Approved

**UC 10215 08F: Degree Programs - CBM003 Report 12/3/08** – Approved

**D Degree Programs Committee – Programs:**

**UC 10216 08F: Degree Programs Committee Report 12/3/08** – Approved with one exception  
UC 10051 08F – Decision postponed, awaiting confirmation that COMM has reviewed impact to their course.

**VI Old Business/New Business:** none

**VII Adjournment at 4:40 p.m.**