

# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

## UNDERGRADUATE COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Minutes for April 30, 2025

Hybrid Meeting (Microsoft Teams and MD Anderson 306)

3pm – 5pm

**Members Present:** Samuel Brower, Dan Burleson, Barbara Carlin, Timothy Council, Bret Detillier, Medhat El Nahas, Jerry Evans, Lisa Farmer, Theresa Fedor Amador, Carla Ferrell, Rebecca Forrest, Sofia Gellon, Tejendra Gill, Kristen Hassett, Rachel Honora, Heidi Kennedy, Julia Kleinheider, Teri Longacre, Holley Love, Ana Medrano, Greg Morrison, Michael Murray, Vincent Ng, Andrew Joseph Pegoda, Melissa Pierson, Daniel Price, Todd Romero, Tara Sass, Scott Sawyer, Lori Selzer, Marcus Stewart, Jamie Thomas, David Womble, Kialyn Yendell, Carrie Young, Donell Young

**Members Absent:** Julia Babcock, Whitney Breslin, Daniel Chang, Arkadiusz Czader, Anne Dayton, Alex Derrick, Veronica Douglas, Jeff Feng, Daniela Gonzalez, Jordan Jones, Tony Liao, Patrick Lukingbeal, Ben Rayder, Daryl Robinson, David Shattuck, Deborah Smith, Kalliope Vlahos, Chad Wayne

**Guests Present:** Lety Gallegos (SFS) for Ben Montecillo

- I. **Call to Order** - The Committee was called to order by Ana I. Medrano, UC Chair of Faculty Senate, at 03:00 PM. Minutes from the [March 26, 2025](#) UC meeting were approved, with amendments to the attendance list.
- II. **Welcome & Announcements**  
A message from Faculty Senate President, Holley Love
- III. **UC Business**

Proposal Status <https://uofh.sharepoint.com/sites/uc/SitePages/Home.aspx>

Proposals Submitted for the 2025-2026 UC Catalog Implementation Cycle: *as of 4/23/2025*

Proposal total: 495  
Degree Programs: 100  
Course Proposals: 380 (12 CORE)  
Administrative: 4  
Policy: 13

Approved by UC to date: 477  
Course proposals: 376 (98.9%)  
CORE: 12

creations: 117  
deletions: 68  
revisions: 186  
Policy proposals: 5  
Program proposals: 96

Withdrawn: 26

#### IV. Subcommittee Reports

**Burleson Subcommittee** – NSM (EAS, MATH, PHYS)/COTA/GHL/Hobby (Dan Burleson presented and submitted a report)

The following proposals were presented, discussed and **approved** by UC in vote:

**UC 3743 24F:** New Certificate - Geographic Information Systems and Computational Geoscience

Update made to be in compliance with SACSCOC. No change to proposal intention but added language to memo and catalog

**El Nahas Subcommittee** – CLASS (HISP, HIST, MAS, Mod/Class Lang) (Medhat El Nahas, no report presented or submitted)

**Forrest Subcommittee** – CLASS (ANTH, COMD, ECO, ENGL, HHP)/ENGR (Tech Div) (Rebecca Forrest, presented and submitted a report \*presented last\*)

The following proposals were presented, discussed and **approved** by UC in vote:

**UC 4163 :** Graduation Application policy revision

Removing barriers in support timely degree completion the proposed revisions seek to streamline the graduation application process for disapproved candidates and timely awarding of degrees for students who have completed degree requirements but have not applied to graduate.

**Hassett Subcommittee** – CLASS (POLS, PSYCH, COMM, SOC)/NSM (B&B, CHEM, CSC)/HONORS (Kristen Hassett, presented and submitted a report)

The following proposals were presented without support, discussed and **approved** by UC in vote to support the **subcommittee disapproval**:

**UC 3682 24F:** Computer Science Minor Revision

The department is requesting to change the requirement to declare the Computer Science minor from a 2.00 GPA to a 2.50 GPA. Increasing the GPA requirement for the CS minor to 2.50 will allow the department to align the requirements for all its programs, and by achieving this alignment in the

requirements, the department expects that all students enrolled in our programs will be equally prepared for academic success.

The following proposals were presented, discussed and **approved** by UC in vote:

**UC 4183:** COE T&L CIP code change

The request is to change the CIP Code for the B.S. in Teaching and Learning to better align with the content of the degree program and certification pathway.

**UC 4184:** COE AAMS department change

Request to formally document the longstanding administrative affiliation of the Asian American Studies Minor with the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies (ELPS).

**UC 4185:** COE T&L SPED supplemental subplan revision

TEA has informed all EPPs that the last day for Special Education supplemental candidates to take the certification tests we prepare teacher candidates on will be discontinued on August 31, 2025. We are not accepting students into this subplan this year as a result.

**Kleinheider Subcommittee** – ARCH/Bauer/EDU/ENGR (Julia Kleinheider, presented and submitted a report)

The following proposals were presented, discussed and **approved** by UC in vote:

**UC 4168:** MECE 2361 - Intro to Mechanical Design

This is clean-up to be sure the co-req wording on MECE 2361 matches the co-req on MECE 2261 (a course created and approved earlier this cycle). New coreq: "Credit for or concurrent enrollment in ENGI 2304 and in MECE 2261; all prerequisites must be completed with C- or higher"

**V. Old Business**

1. Election of the New Chair-Elect: Samuel Brower, Chair of Ad-Hoc Committee
  - I. Nomination accepted by Rebecca Forrest
  - II. No self-nominations from the floor
  - III. Election of Rebecca Forrest as UC Chair-Elect voted and unanimously **approved** by the UC

**IV. New Business**

2. UC Bylaws – amendment to remove diversity & inclusion statement
  - I. Discussion to amend the wording to align with OGC suggestion, instead of deleting the statement.

VII. **Meeting Adjourned at 4:19 PM**

**Resources**

- a. **Meeting Location:** All meetings are held in room 306 (Faculty Senate Office), M.D. Anderson Library unless otherwise noted meetings are hybrid and have a Teams option.
- b. **Scheduled meetings for 2024-2025:**  
Fall 2024: August 14 (orientation meeting), August 28, September 25, October 30, November 13, December 4  
Spring 2025: January 29, February 26, March 26, April 30, May 7
- c. **Helpful Websites:**
  - Undergraduate Committee: [www.uh.edu/undergraduate-committee/](http://www.uh.edu/undergraduate-committee/)
  - Current (2024-2025) Undergraduate Catalog: <http://publications.uh.edu/index.php>
  - UH Core Curriculum section: [www.uh.edu/academics/corecurriculum/](http://www.uh.edu/academics/corecurriculum/)
- d. **E-mail Listservs:**
  - i. UC General Membership: [UNDERGRAD-COMMITTEE@LISTSERV.UH.EDU](mailto:UNDERGRAD-COMMITTEE@LISTSERV.UH.EDU)
  - ii. UC Executive Committee: [UC-EXEC@LISTSERV.UH.EDU](mailto:UC-EXEC@LISTSERV.UH.EDU)
  - iii. UC Subcommittees:
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