

TWU Undergraduate Council

January 28, 2008

Minutes

Members present: Stoerm Anderson, Pat Devereaux, Marie Demuynck, Karen Dunlap, Don Edwards, Ron Fannin, Russell Greer, Penny Hanstein, Lybeth Hodges, Joni Jensen, AnaLouise Keating, Christianne Kellett, Sally Lambert, Kay Marsh, Lynda Peebles, David Rylander, Barney Sanborn, Dayo Soyombo, Roger Shipley, Sharon Van Sell, and Allen Waldo.

Ex Officio members present: Ronda Barnett, Judith Bean, Carol Kominski, Ronnie Valenzuela

Members not present: Guy Litton, Kenny Foster, Rochelle Schultz, Ann Staton.

1. Received minutes of November 13, 2007 meeting; no revisions were made.
2. Dr. Judith Bean reported that the Coordinating Board had approved the TWU proposal to offer a Bachelor of Applied Science in Culinary Science and Food Service Management. In addition that board approved a change of rules that required evaluation of the core curriculum every five years; the new rule allows institutions to submit their evaluation of the core at the time of their SACS self-study.

Dr. Bean also reported that 138 students were repeating courses for the third time, incurring tuition penalties, and that at the end of the fall semester 92 students were listed as exceeding the undergraduate credit hours limit by the Coordinating Board report.

3. Committee Reports
 - a. Assessment Committee, Dr. Ron Fannin, Chair, distributed a report that proposed a plan for core review which included a three-year cycle of assessment and requiring selected students to participate in standardized testing. The council voted to receive the report as presented, and asked for some clarifications. This report will be reviewed for a second reading at the next meeting.
 - b. Program Review Committee – The following new academic programs were proposed by Dr. Barney Sanborn for approval (for Fall 2008 starting date):
 - B.A.S. in Health Studies
 - B.B.A. in Human Resource ManagementThe council voted to approve the proposals.
 - c. Bylaws Committee, Dr. Lynda Peebles, Chair, distributed and discussed for a first reading the draft bylaws which had been revised. Suggestions for clarification were made and the council voted to receive these bylaws as a first reading.

d. Course Review Committee, Dr. Lybeth Hodges, Chair.

The Oral Communications Course committee requests clarification of OT 4033 Analysis of Persons, Tools and Occupation prior to approval. The council ratified the recommendation

The committee recommended SOWK 1403 Introduction to Social Policies and Services for the core area of Social/Behavioral Science; the council ratified the recommendation.

The committee recommended BUS 4353 and PHIL 3163 for approval for Global Perspectives; the council ratified the recommendation.

4. Other business

Dr. Hodges asked what actions were being taken to raise freshman retention; Dr. Bean will contact the individuals attending the earlier workshop for feedback and progress on this question.