

TWU Undergraduate Council

February 26, 2007

Minutes

Members present: Russell Greer, Ana Louise Keating, Ron Fannin, Kyle Biggerstaff, Christianne Kellett, Karen Dunlap, Roger Shipley, Kay Marsh, Terry Senne, Joni Jensen, Ann Staton, Don Edwards, Pat Devereaux, Kenny Foster, Barney Sanborn, David Rylander, Allen Waldo, Sally Lambert, Rochelle Schultz.

Ex Officio members present: Heather Speed, Sharon Vincent, Laura Rocchio, Lynda Murphy, Ronda Barnett, and Judith Bean.

1. Minutes from the January 29, 2007 were approved as submitted with correction to delete Terry Senne and Kay Marsh from list of members present and to add Heather Speed as present at the meeting.
2. Joni Jensen discussed the potential bylaws for the Undergraduate Council including:
 - a. How membership should be allocated (SCH or majors) and when that allocation might be reviewed (possibly 3 years).
 - b. The term length for members: 3 years suggested for faculty members; 1 year for representatives of other groups (Senate, Chairs' Council, Academic Council, undergraduate student body)
 - c. Limits on consecutive terms: 2 consecutive terms not including filling out an unexpired term for someone else and with the understanding that a person could be re-elected for additional terms after time off from the council
 - d. Member elections – suggested election in the spring semester for the following academic year; elections to be conducted by the colleges upon request from the council showing which positions need elections.
3. Dr. Judith Bean discussed the following:
 - a. Friday, February 23, the Board of Regents approved the BBA in Finance; it will be sent to the Coordinating Board next.
 - b. Transition workshop (old core vs. new core) is scheduled for next Monday, March 5th at 3:30.
 - c. Governor Perry's proposal for mandated standardized exit testing will need to be considered along with assessing degree programs.
4. Committee reports

a. **Assessment Subcommittee**

Dr. Fannin moved approval of the establishment of a common examination system based on departmentally prepared and administered tests for multiple sections of core courses. These assessments are to be aligned with the core exemplary educational objectives and will be in place by the end of the 2008 spring semester. [Note: the tests will be designed to allow reporting on the success rates relative to each objective.]

The motion carried.

Dr. Fannin moved that the full Undergraduate Council approve the use of a system of standardized testing to assess outcomes of the Core Curriculum related to five basic intellectual

competencies (reading, writing, computer literacy, critical thinking, and mathematics proficiency.)

The motion carried.

Dr. Fannin moved that the Programs Committee take responsibility for periodic reviews of existing programs.

The motion carried.

b. **Global Perspectives Subcommittee** – Pat Devereaux moved approval, seconded by Allen Waldo, for the following course and it was **ratified by the council**:

1. Sociology 3303, Cultural Anthropology.

c. **Oral Communications Subcommittee** – Russell Greer moved approval, seconded by Allen Waldo, for the following courses and they were **ratified by the council**:

1. Drama 3493, Speech For The Stage, The Use and Training of The Human voice.

2. Kinesiology 1573, An Evolving Discipline

3. Music 2533, Music Theory IV.

4. Music 3323, Music History II.

Dr. Russ Greer reported that, “The Oral Communication Subcommittee also **unanimously** supports the following motion. We recommend its adoption by the UGC and submission to the Provost: “In an effort to support the new oral communication competency graduation requirement, the Undergraduate Studies Council recommends that the Provost authorize a search for a full-time, permanent speech faculty member with a terminal degree as soon as possible. This person will develop and coordinate an actual Communication-Across-the-Curriculum (CXC) program and provide instructional support to faculty members in departments and programs across the campus in their efforts to help students meet this competency. We recommend, also, that the search process should reflect as high a level of interest and support from the Provost's office as necessary to obtain a strong leader in this position.”

The motion carried.

d. **Multicultural Women’s Studies Subcommittee** – Ana Louise Keating. No report.

e. Program Review Committee –Lynda Peebles, chair -- no report.

5. Dr. Bean requested permission from the committee that the catalog proof copy to have the courses marked when the subcommittee recommends approval prior to the undergraduate council’s approval so the Undergraduate General Catalog for 2007-2009 can continue on printing deadlines.

Committee vote: passed.

6. **Other Business:** Heather Speed, Director, Center for Student Development discussed Faculty involvement during Transfer Orientation.

Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

