

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
Undergraduate Council
Minutes of January 11th, 2010

Present: Michael LeVan (Chair), Jay Coble, Garnet Butchart, Ken Christensen, Kay Perrin, Karla Davis-Salazar, Sherman Dorn, Laura Gonzalez, Chad Michaels, Cassandra Hanjian, Khalid Hassouneh, Sarah Niewold

Absent: Kathy Hyer, JoAnne Larsen (excused)

Guests/Ex Officio: Janet Moore (UGS), Michael Kanning (UGS), Niki Kantzios (CAS)

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm.

1. The minutes of November 23rd, 2009 were approved.
2. Announcements
 - Chair LeVan distributed changes to the UGC Operating Procedures that emerged from the Operating Procedure committee meeting which met during final exam week in the Fall of last year. Discussion of the changes was tabled until the next meeting so members could familiarize themselves with the details.
3. New course/curriculum proposals
 - HUM3431 – The Hellenistic World - A comprehensive look at the Greek-speaking world after Alexander the Great, from Italy to India. Emphasis is on the social, intellectual and aesthetic changes brought about by colliding cultures. Course was **approved pending** changes to the course description and learning outcomes on the syllabus to match the proposal, in addition to concurrence from Anthropology.
 - HUM3482 – Ancient Near East Cultures - Material and intellectual culture of ancient Mesopotamia (Iraq) & Persia (Iran) from the fourth millennium BCE until the coming of Islam. Topics include the Sumerian and the Assyrian in Mesopotamia; and the Achaemenid, Parthian, and Sasanian in Persia. Course was **approved pending** changes to the course description and learning outcomes on the syllabus to match the proposal, in addition to concurrence from Anthropology.
 - COM4530 – Influencing Public Opinion - Explores foundations, history, measurement techniques, and persuasive strategies of public opinion research and practice from rhetorical perspectives. Course was **approved**.
 - ENC1905 – Improving College Level Writing - This class approaches writing as a process and utilizes prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing. Through intensive reading and writing practice, the curriculum will address grammar, mechanics, punctuation, word usage, and essay structure. Course was **approved pending** syllabus clarifications regarding assignment and grading details.
 - Public Health major – This new major was unanimously **approved pending** the proposal of courses currently offered as Special Topics as new courses with unique course numbers. These new courses should be included in the proposed degree requirements. The goal is to not include Special Topic courses as requirements in the Catalog.
4. New Business

5. Old Business

- Chair LeVan distributed a draft letter to the CAS Undergraduate Committee regarding the concerns over concurrency that arose at the previous meeting. Discussion of the memo will continue at the next meeting.
- Anatomy of a Syllabus – New textbook requirements should be added to the document.

6. Review Assignments

- a) CEN4201 – Software Testing (Michaels)
- b) CHT3500 – Modern Chinese Literature in Translation (Gonzales)
- c) COP4623 – Compilers (Michaels)
- d) MAN4717 – Integrated Management Applications (Coble)
- e) PCB4744 – Mammalian Physiology (Christensen)
- f) PHI3100 – Formal Logic (Perrin)
- g) SYO3460 – Sociology of the Media (Davis-Salazar)
- h) SYO4712 – Sociology of Childhood and Youth (Davis-Salazar)
- i) [Music History Major Changes](#) (Coble)

The next meeting will be January 25th, 2010. The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 pm.