

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
Undergraduate Council
Minutes of January 25th, 2010

Present: Michael LeVan (Chair), Garnet Butchart, Ken Christensen, Kay Perrin, Sherman Dorn, Laura Gonzalez, JoAnne Larsen, Chad Michaels, Cassandra Hanjian, Khalid Hassouneh, Sarah Niewold

Absent: Jay Coble, Kathy Hyer, Karla Davis-Salazar

Guests/Ex Officio: Janet Moore (UGS), Michael Kanning (UGS), John Robison (CoTA), Kathy Cole (CAS), Bob Potter (CAS)

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm.

1. The minutes of January 11th, 2010 were approved.
2. Announcements
 - Cassandra Hanjaian updated the council on the latest activities related to the Textbook Affordability Committee. Student Government recently held an event to inform students about the available textbook alternatives.
3. New course/curriculum proposals
 - COP4623 – Compilers – Introduction to techniques for compiling software; lexical, syntactic, and semantic analyses; abstract syntax trees; symbol tables; code generation and optimization. Course was **approved**.
 - PCB4744 – Mammalian Physiology – Detailed examination of mammalian physiology focusing on the cellular and molecular mechanisms that underlie and regulate physiological function. Course was **approved**.
 - CHT3500 – Introduction to Chinese Culture – CHT3500 is an introductory survey of Chinese cultural traditions with an emphasis on themes important to successful interaction in contemporary Chinese society. The language of instruction is English. Course was **contingently approved** pending the enumeration of outcomes and concurrence from Anthropology.
 - PHI3100 – Formal Logic – Needs work on syllabus and instructor requirements - **Tabled**
 - CEN4201 – Software Testing – Needs numerous changes to proposal and syllabus - **Tabled**
 - Music curriculum changes – Makes minor changes to three degree programs (Bachelors of Music, Music Education and Music Studies). **Approved**.
4. New Business
 - Grading policy changes in Biology and Chemistry – Kathy Cole and Bob Potter spoke about a change to continuation requirements recently instated by the Biology and Chemistry departments. Beginning Fall 2009, students who receive 3 D's or F's will be required to transfer to another major outside of the Biology or Chemistry departments where they will be more successful. The need for this change arose out of an examination of graduation rates and rates of progression within these departments. Exceptions can be made for students in their final semester or who present extenuating circumstances. The policy applies to all students currently pursuing degrees

within these departments, regardless of catalog year. For students that already have 3 or more D/F grades, these previous grades will count collectively as 1 D/F grade with respect to this new policy. There were some questions about the ability to change progression requirements retroactively. Chair LeVan will seek clarification on this matter from Dean of Undergraduate Studies Bob Sullins and discuss at the next meeting. The council **voted to support** this new requirement.

- Health Sciences Major – The council took a preliminary look at the proposal for a new Health Sciences major. Questions arose about where this degree program will be housed and what kind of support will be necessary. A committee was formed to look into these questions and report to the council at the next meeting.

5. Old Business

- a) UGC Operating procedures revisions – tabled until next meeting
- b) Chair's Memo regarding concurrence – The council review and discussed the draft memo distributed by LeVan at the previous meeting. Changes were suggested and will be included by LeVan in the final version.

6. Review Assignments

- a) [Health Sciences Major](#) (LeVan, Christensen, Hanjian, Perrin)
- b) [Psychology degree changes](#) (Michaels)
- c) [International Studies degree changes](#) (Michaels)
- d) [Microbiology Degree changes](#) (Perrin)

The next meeting will be February 22nd, 2010. The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.