

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
Undergraduate Council
Minutes of February 8th, 2010

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

Absent: Kathy Hyer, Sarah Niewold

Guests/Ex Officio: Janet Moore (UGS), Michael Kanning, Michelle Bombaugh (CAS), Diane TeStrake (CAS), Elizabeth Vaquero (CAS), Kathy Cole (CAS), Bob Potter (CAS), Eric Eisenberg (CAS)

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm.

1. The minutes of January 25th, 2010 were approved.
2. Announcements
 - None
3. New course/curriculum proposals
 - SYO4712 – Sociology of Childhood and Youth - Examines a variety of issues including: child-rearing; invention of adolescence; child abuse; children's schooling; juvenile delinquency; dating; children in the movies; children as consumers; youth culture and rebellion; transition into adulthood. – Course was **approved**.
 - PHC4810 – Field Experiences in Public Health - This course provides students with an overview of field experiences in public health. Representatives from public health organizations will speak about worksites. Students will observe public health professionals in their practice environment. – Course was **approved**.
 - PHC4950 – Foundation to Professional Writing in Public Health - This course provides students the opportunity to learn about all aspects of professional writing techniques including grammar and spelling errors, writing styles, authorship, reference and citation systems, and guidance for scientific communication. – Course was **approved**.
 - PHC4000 – Introduction to Epidemiology - Course provides an overview of epidemiological methods and the application to understanding health- and non-health issues. Students will develop critical thinking skills and apply the concepts applied problems, both in and outside the field of health. – Course was **approved**.
 - PHI3100 – Formal Logic - A study of predicate calculus, predicate calculus with identity, formal semantics, and elementary metalogic. Strongly recommended for philosophy majors. – Course was **approved**.
 - PHC3000 – Introduction to Environmental & Occupational Health - Introduces the principles of environmental health from a public health perspective. This course is designed for students with an interest in the environment, assessment of risk, human health issues, and control strategies to reduce health risks. – Course was **approved contingent** upon receipt of an updated syllabus.
 - PHC4050 – Biostatistics in Society - This course covers the historical as well as basic concepts, approaches, and methods of biostatistical reasoning with case studies. Through data collection and analysis, evidence is discerned to enhance scientific discoveries and improve health. – Course was **approved contingent** upon receipt of an updated course description.
 - SYO3460 – Sociology and the Media - Imparts a familiarity with and working knowledge of the main theories, research, and findings in the sociology of the media. Fosters critical thinking abilities by applying this sociological knowledge to the deconstruction of media images. – Course

was **approved contingent** upon receipt of concurrence from Communications and Mass Communications departments.

- HUM4459 – Identity and Power - Focuses on the relationships between social power and individual or group identity. Emphasizes how discourses on race, class, gender, and/or nationality construct individual subjectivity and imagined communities. Topic varies. – Course was **approved contingent** on receipt of concurrence from Anthropology and Sociology departments.
- Microbiology degree – changes **approved**.
- International studies degree changes – changes **approved**.
- Psychology degree changes – changes **approved**.
- Health Sciences Major – After some discussion (see below), this new major was **approved**.
- MAN4717 and CEN4201 are still tabled

4 New Business

- Membership – The council voted to ask consistently absent members to step down from the council's membership. 4 open spots remain on the council and members were asked to discuss membership with any interested parties in their units. Also any 3rd year members interested in serving as Council president should contact Chair LeVan.
- USF Regulation change 3.007 – **Tabled** until next meeting. Most up to date version of this policy will be distributed prior to the next meeting.

5. Old Business

- a) UGC Operating procedures revisions – **Tabled** until next meeting.
- b) Health Sciences major – Questions were raised at the last meeting about where this degree program will be housed and how it will be supported. Katherine Cole and Bob Potter responded to these questions. The program is an interdisciplinary degree that will be housed in the CAS Dean's Office. The program will utilize the same CIP code as the Interdisciplinary Natural Science degree already on the books. The program will be of interest to students who seek jobs in the medical field but are not interested or qualified for degrees in the hard sciences. Advisors will be allocated to help students with this program, and a faculty advisory committee will monitor student's progression and make changes to the degree program as needs arise.

6. Review Assignments

- None

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