

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
Undergraduate Council
Minutes of April 26th, 2010

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

Absent: Kay Perrin (excused), Kathy Hyer, Sarah Niewold

Guests/Ex Officio: Janet Moore (UGS), Michael Kanning (UGS), Diane TeStrake (CAS), Jackie Nelson, Michael Fountain, JoAnne Larsen, David A. Williams, Daphne Thomas, Catherine Batsche, Beatrice Smith, Danielle Dennis, Kathryn Laframboise, Jenifer Schneider, James R. King

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

1. The minutes of March 22nd, 2010 were approved with minor changes.
2. Announcements
 - Chair LeVan again asked the council if there are any nominations for UGC Chair for 2010-2011. There were no nominations and no decision was made.
 - Diane TeStrake introduced a new course proposal (PCB3677) and a substantive change (BSC2022) to be reviewed at the start of Fall 2010.
3. Course/curriculum proposals
 - Curriculum proposals
 - a) [Minor in Entrepreneurship for non-Majors](#) – Minor **approved**.
 - b) [Behavioral and Community Sciences Undergraduate Research Certificate](#) – Certificate **approved**.
 - c) [Electrical Engineering Honors Program](#) – Program **approved**.
 - d) [Elementary Education major changes](#) – Changes **approved**. See discussion below (4b).
 - e) Music Education major changes – Changes **approved**. See discussion below (4c).
 - New course proposals
 - a) ENT3003 – Principles of Business in Entrepreneurship - Introduction to business principles in entrepreneurship for non-business and non-industrial engineering students. Provides basic foundation in entrepreneurship, finance and accounting. Helps students to understand the role of entrepreneurship in society. Course was **approved**.
 - b) GEY4629 – Women and Aging - Because of longer life expectancy and other factors, women make up a disproportionate share of older adults in the United States. This course examines older women from a feminist perspective, is open to all majors, and is not repeatable for credit. Course was **approved**.
 - c) GEY4917 – Directed Research - This course will provide Undergraduate Students with an opportunity to engage in an agreed upon research project in aging studies under the supervision of a professor. The course is open to any major and is repeatable for credit. Course was **approved**.
 - d) GLY4448 – Geomechanics - Overview of the mechanical behavior of earth materials including general theory, an introduction to soil mechanics, and introduction to rock mechanics. Includes two field trips to observe geomechanical issues in Florida and modern methods of rock testing. Course was **approved**.
 - e) MUE3xxx – Creative Performance Chamber Ensemble – This course will provide students opportunities to apply concepts of informal learning, gained through various course work, in a non-traditional, student directed, music education performance setting. The course is repeatable for a total of four credits. Course was **approved**.
 - f) MUE3xxx – Progressive Music Education Methods I – This course will provide students a grounding in methods for music education settings outside the traditional general, band, choir and string programs. Course was **approved**.
 - g) MUE3xxx – Progressive Music Education Methods II – This course will provide students a further grounding in methods for music education settings outside the traditional general, band, choir and string programs. Course was **approved**.
 - h) MUE342x – Percussion Techniques – Introduction to percussion pedagogy for the music educator. Course was **approved**.

- i) MUG3xxx – Advanced Conducting – Provides USF music education majors with a competency-based lab experience in conducting while placing an emphasis on developing advanced skills necessary to lead an ensemble in rehearsal and performance. Restricted to Music Education Majors. Course was **approved**.
- Substantive Change proposals
 - a) MAE4320 – Mathematics Teaching in the Middle Grades – Changes **approved**.
 - b) MAE4330 – Teaching High School Senior Mathematics – Changes **approved**.
 - c) MAE4551 – Reading the Language of Mathematics – Changes **approved**.
 - d) MAE4652 – Technology for Teaching Secondary Mathematics I – Changes **approved**.
 - e) MAE4653 – Technology for Teaching Secondary Mathematics II – Changes **approved**.
- Non-substantive changes
 - a) **Approved** via consent agenda: MUE2090, MUE3421, MUE3422, MUE3423, MUE4311, MUE4331, MUE4332, MUE4936, MUE4940.

4 New Business

- a) College of Business proposal for a laptop requirement – Jackie Nelson spoke to the council regarding this proposal. The College of Business is already experiencing problems sharing the existing computer labs, and recent changes will decrease the number of labs available for use. As a result, the college would like to require laptops. Instituting such an explicit requirement makes laptops able to be purchased using student aid funds. There were concerns that this policy may appear to solve an institutional problem by passing it on to students. The case was made that the majority of students generally already come with laptops since they are used so much in business classes. Also, it was suggested that information concerning which courses require laptops be made available for non-Business students taking business courses. The proposal was **approved** with some dissent.
- b) Elementary Education Major changes – Kathryn LaFramboise spoke to the council regarding a change to the Elementary Education curriculum. The proposal was to add EEX4742 and remove EDF3604 as required courses. This is in order to meet new FKL GenEd requirements within the state-mandated credit hour limit. Dorn objected, stating that the changes will result in [the] historical and social factors related to education being addressed insufficiently. Dorn made a motion proposing an assessment of skills related to historical and social factors to be required for students at the end of the course. LaFramboise responded that such additional assessments were unnecessary. Accreditation review was already passed on the Elementary Education program without taking into account EDF3604's inclusion. Also, LaFramboise objected to assessments of the Elementary Education program from an outside department. Dorn's motion to approve the added assessment was not approved. The original proposed changes were **approved** with some dissent.
- c) Music Education – David A. Williams from the School of Music spoke to the council about significant changes to the Music Education program. Changes represent a movement away from a focus on large Ensembles. Total credit hour changes now include 6 hours of electives. The move to the new curriculum will occur slowly and be instituted at first on a per-student basis, but approval is being pursued at this time to get information about the new curriculum in the catalog. The program was **approved**.

5. Old Business

- Anatomy of a Syllabus – It was agreed that the required and recommended features of the syllabus need to be clearly delineated. Further work on the Anatomy of a Syllabus document will occur online during the summer.

6. Review Assignments

- a) BSC2022 – Biology of Aging - Gonzalez
- b) PCB3677 – Molecular Evolution - Gonzalez

This was the final meeting for the Spring semester. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.