

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
Undergraduate Council
Minutes of September 28th, 2009

Present: Michael LeVan (Chair), JoAnne Larsen, Sherman Dorn, Garnet Butchart, Ken Christensen, Laura Gonzalez, Jay Coble, Kay Perrin, Karla Davis-Salazar, Kathryn Hyer

Absent:

Guests/Ex Officio: Janet Moore (UGS), Michael Kanning (UGS), Anete Vasquez, Miriam Stamps, Jackie Nelson

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 pm

1. The minutes of September 14th, 2009 were approved with minor amendments.
2. Announcements
 - Proposed changes to the Final Exam/Testing Policy listed on the agenda were removed because the proposed changes are still in promulgation.
 - Janet Moore discussed with the council the possibility of inter-session course offerings between Fall and Spring semesters. This would provide increased opportunities for study abroad students. Input from faculty is needed while this possibility is being considered.
 - Janet Moore also discussed the State Course Numbering System (SCNS) and its importance in the new course approval process. She also discussed the need to work with faculty and departments across the USF System to reach consensus regarding new courses and proposed changes.
3. New course/curriculum proposals
 - Changes to the Electrical Engineering admissions requirements were **approved**.
 - Advertising Major proposal from the College of Business was **approved**.
 - LAE4337 – Teaching Reading in Secondary English Curriculum - Analysis of the reading process; introduction to diagnosis of reading abilities; reading and study skill strategies to increase student achievement in reading. – Course was **approved**.
 - GRW3102 – Survey of Greek Literature – Plato's Republic - Plato's Republic' introduces students to Plato in the original Classical Greek language, providing the necessary transition from the Beginning and Intermediate courses to an Advanced level of proficiency in ancient Greek. – Course was **approved**.
 - HUM4260 – Genres and Media - This course focuses on a particular aesthetic genre or media. Emphasis is on close readings of the media or genre in question, and on how media or generic paradigms shape ideas and identities. – Course was **approved**.
 - ENC3414 – New Media for Technical Communication - The study and production of digital media with special emphasis on emergent and evolving applications. – Course was **approved**.
 - ENC 4218 – Visual Rhetoric for Technical Communication - The study and production of visual rhetoric with special emphasis on print and digital document design and technical graphics. – Course was **approved**.
 - LAE4332 – Traditional English Grammar for Teachers - Prepares teachers to teach secondary English with an interactive approach to grammar instruction in which students learn, not only the basic elements of English grammar, but also pertinent and engaging classroom activities for teaching grammar. – Course was **approved** pending revisions to the syllabus.

4 New Business

- Chair Michael LeVan wants to form a committee that will work to update and streamline the Undergraduate Council operating procedures. Michael LeVan, Kay Perrin, Laura Gonzalez, Ken Christensen and Janet Moore volunteered to assist. A meeting was tentatively scheduled for November.

5. Proposals assigned for review

- CLT3510 – Fictional Rome (Davis-Salazar)
- Entrepreneurship Minor (Coble, Heyer)
- Literary Studies concentration (Butchart)
- Technical Communication and New Media concentration (Butchart)

The next meeting will be October 12th, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.