

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**  
**Undergraduate Council**  
**Minutes of November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**

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

Absent: Sherman Dorn, Kathy Hyer, Jay Coble

Guests/Ex Officio: Janet Moore (UGS), Michael Kanning (UGS), Roger Brindley (USF World)

The meeting was called to order at 3:06pm

1. The minutes of November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 were approved.
2. Announcements
  - Guest speaker Roger Brindley, Associate Director of USF World spoke to the council on a proposal for a partnership between USF and INTO University Partnerships. Documents detailing the flow of students through the new program were distributed, along with example class schedules for incoming students. INTO and USF are currently in talk to form a “Joint Venture” (JV). The purpose of the JV is threefold, 1) to increase international enrollment at USF, 2) to increase the graduation rate of international students, and 3) to increase the global reach of the university. USF is greatly in need of increased international student enrollment, as currently only 3-3.5% of undergraduate students are foreign residents. While INTO is a business, it is hoped that USF will profit from the JV after a few years. The JV will establish undergraduate “Pathway” programs that most international students will follow. Students with poor GPA’s and low TOEFL scores will be granted provisional admission and referred to the English Language Institute. Once students enter the pathway program, they will need to maintain a 2.5 GPA in order to progress. Special INTO sections of some courses will be taught by USF employees. INTO will also provide 24/7 telephone and additional tutoring support. The pathway program will begin with only a few programs, but will expand to more programs. Roger Brindley will come back to speak to the council in February or March with updates.
3. New course/curriculum proposals
  - HUM4471 – Cultural Periods and Styles - Focuses on the relationships between a particular historical period and the cultural forms characteristic of it. An interdisciplinary examination of cultural texts as responding to social and political issues of the day. **Approved pending** receipt of concurrence from Anthropology.
  - HUM3821 – Introduction to Cultural Studies - An introduction to the ideas and skills needed for doing scholarly work in interdisciplinary cultural studies. An overview of central critical discussions including gender studies, postcolonialism, class and power relationships, and technology and media. **Approved pending** receipt of concurrence from Anthropology.
  - HUM4396 – Places, Spaces, Regions - Focuses on relationships between geographical location and cultural dynamics. Emphases include the roles of natural environments, core-periphery relations, and local identities in the development of cultural practices. **Approved pending** receipt of generalized objectives and concurrence from Anthropology department.
  - HUM4934 – Issues in Cultural Theory - Focuses on a critical issue in cultural theory. Students will delve into an issue central to cultural study and develop their ability to apply cultural theory to the

analysis of cultural forms. **Approved pending** receipt of generalized objectives and concurrence from Anthropology department.

- Public Health major – Kay Perrin spoke briefly about the intent of the new major. There will be an official review and vote at the next meeting.

4. New Business

- In response to the issues encountered in the review of the Humanities courses, the council decided that a memo should be sent to CAS regarding the need for concurrence. Michael LeVan will draft the memo.

5. Old Business

- Anatomy of a Syllabus updates – No changes were made to the draft copy of the new document. Any further changes deemed necessary should be emailed to Michael LeVan

6. Review Assignments

- COM4530 – Influencing Public Opinion (Davis-Salazarr)
- ENC1905 – Improving College-Level Writing (Perrin)
- HUM3431 – The Hellenistic World (Gonzalez)
- HUM3482 – Ancient Near East Cultures (Gonzalez)
- Public Health Undergraduate Major (LeVan)

This was the final meeting of Fall 2009. The next meeting will be January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm.