

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
Undergraduate Council
Minutes of August 23rd, 2010

Present: Michael LeVan (Chair), Chad Michaels, Laura Gonzalez, Kay Perrin

Absent: Jay Coble (excused)

Guests/Ex Janet Moore (UGS), Michael Kanning (UGS), Ed Kellner (proxy for Ken Christensen), Bob Sullins (UGS), Bob Potter (CAS), Jim Andrews, Dan Jenkins

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

1. The minutes of April 22nd, 2010 were approved with minor changes.
2. Announcements
3. Course/curriculum proposals
 - a) Curriculum proposals
 - i. BS in Biology: Concentration in Integrative Animal Biology – **Approved** (via email vote over the summer)
 - ii. BS in Biology: Concentration in Environmental Biology - **Approved** (via email vote over the summer)
 - b) New course proposals
 - i. PCB3677 – Molecular Evolution - The study of evolution at the molecular level and how it is applied to cell and molecular biology. Course was **approved**.
 - c) Substantive Change proposals
 - i. BSC2022 – Biology of Aging - An overview of cellular and molecular aspects of the aging process in human systems will be explored through lecture, discussion and virtual formats. For non-majors. The proposal moves the course from the 2xxx to the 3xxx level and changes the course description. The proposal was **approved**.
 - d) Non-substantive changes
4. New Business
 - a) Proposed name change for the undergraduate program in Information Technology – Jim Andrews, Director of the School of Library & Information Science, spoke to the council regarding a request to change the name of the Tampa program in Information Technology to Information Studies. He reported that he also will seek a change in the name of the School of Library and Information Science to the School of Information Studies. He also requested that the degree be changed from a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BSIT) to a Bachelor of Science. This request comes as the School begins to offer an Undergraduate degree which ultimately will be in Information Studies. Prior to this offering, the B.S. in Information Technology program was housed in Undergraduate Studies and IT courses were taught out of USF Sarasota-Manatee and USF Polytechnic. USF S-M and Polytechnic will retain their respective IT programs. The new Information Studies program is intended to serve as a less technological program and will emphasize more the human and technology interaction component, distinguishing it from the other IT programs. To this end, the degree granted will be in “Information Studies”. This unique name will not only help differentiate the USF Tampa program from those offered at the other USF System campuses, but also the other Information Science degrees offered in other departments at USF Tampa, such as the Information Systems degree in Engineering and the Information Systems management degree offered in Business. While the new Information Studies program will involve its own courses, the new program and that of the Engineering college will work together to avoid duplicating courses unnecessarily. A vote on these proposed changes was delayed until the next meeting.
5. Old Business

a) Proposal Site changes – There was some discussion about reducing or eliminating the requirement that a syllabus be submitted with all new course proposals. There will be more discussion about what changes to make and what information to solicit via the form at the next meeting.

6. Review Assignments

- i. EGN4454 – Numerical & Computer Tools II in Civil & Env Eng
- ii. GLY2073 – Global Climate Change: A Geoscience Perspective
- iii. ITT3001 – Southern Italy & the Italian-American Experience
- iv. ITW3234 – Reading in Italian Literature and Culture
- v. MCB4xxx – Ecology of Infectious Diseases
- vi. SPA4321 – Introduction to Audologic Rehabilitation
- vii. SYA4122 – Queer Theory
- viii. SYO4230 – Gender, Sport and the Body
- ix. SYO4572 – Hidden Structures of Social Life
- x. ZOO4374 – Functional Morphology
- xi. Public Health minor

The next meeting will be September 13th. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.