

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**  
**Undergraduate Council**  
**Minutes of September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Present: Michael LeVan (Chair), Kay Perrin, Jay Coble, Erwin Johanningmeier, Khalid Hassouneh, Matrell Evenett

Absent: Chad Michaels, Laura Gonzalez (excused)

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

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

1. The minutes of August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 were approved with minor changes.

2. Announcements

- Additional UGC members will be added once the Faculty Senate Committee on Committee meets to approve appointments.

3. Course/curriculum proposals

a) New course proposals

- i. ITT4101 – Italy and the Italian-American Experience – The focus of this course is on the representation of Southern Italy in a selection of novels, films, memoir writing, and music and on the history of the Italian diaspora – mainly made of Southerners migrated to the United States. Course was **approved**.
- ii. ITW3234 – Readings in Italian Literature and Culture – This course marks an advanced level in the acquisition of Italian language. It continues to encourage students to speak, listen, read, and write in the target language through intensive reading. Course was **approved**.
- iii. MAN4717 – Integrated Management Applications – This capstone Management course integrates the major topics of management. Students will acquire a broad view of organizations, learning to analyze organizational strengths and weaknesses, and to recommend appropriate actions for improvement. Course was **approved**.
- iv. MCB4xxx – Ecology of Infectious Diseases – This course covers the ecology of pathogenic microorganisms, including: host-parasite interactions, microbial survival strategies, microbial virulence, and environmental influences on the maintenance and spread of disease. Course was **approved**.
- v. SYA4122 – Queer Theory – Examines queer theory's radical deconstruction of categories for understanding the possibility of theorizing "women's" and "men's" lives. The primary goal of this course is to introduce students to queer theory and feminist theories of sexuality. Course was **approved**.
- vi. SYO4230 – Gender, Sport, and the Body – Explores ways sport in U.S. culture is organized by and used to recreate gender in social interaction. Examines the recent history of women in sport and questions the relationship between masculinity, sport participation and women's and men's embodiment. Course was **approved**.
- vii. SYO4572 – Hidden Structures of Social Life – Communication networks and the social structures that emerge in them constitute the subject matter for this course: structures of interaction in informal groups and formal organizations, social networks, and class and stratification structures. Course was **approved**.
- viii. ZOO4374 – Functional Morphology – This course explores the relationship between vertebrate form and function; basic concepts of biomechanics; responses of vertebrate form to ecological and evolutionary constraints. Course was **approved**.

b) Tabled

- i. EGN4454 – Numerical & Computer Tools II in Civil & Env Eng
- ii. SPA4321 – Introduction to Audiologic Rehabilitation
- iii. Public Health minor

4. New Business

- In 2008, updates to the General Attendance policy were approved by the appropriate stakeholders, including the UGC, the Senate Executive Committee, and the Board of Trustees, but because of promulgation periods and delays in timing, it failed to make it into the Undergraduate catalog until the 2010-2011 edition. In the new policy, there have emerged some issues concerning accommodations for an excused absence, particularly with respect to University-sponsored events. Instructors are expected to accommodate excused absences, but in some large

courses with common exams, accommodating for such absences is very difficult. Discussion on this matter will continue at the next meeting.

5. Old Business

- The changes to the IT program discussed at the last meeting were addressed. It was not clear what action needs to be taken by the UGC presently other than approving the degree program's name change. Clarification on curricular matters is needed so that the UGC can vote on the changes to the present Information Technology program and the proposed title change. UGC members expressed a desire to examine a substantive proposal for the new curriculum in Information Studies. No action was taken at this time.

The next meeting will be September 27<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm.