

University of South Florida
Undergraduate Council
Minutes for January 23, 2012

Present: Tom Pluckhahn, Ryan Toomey, Rick Austin, Jennifer Bosson, Erwin Johanningmeier, Hana Osman, Dell deChant, Denise Passmore, Kay Perrin, Chad Michaels, Kim McCormick, Brianne Stanback

Guest/Ex Officio: Janet Moore (UGS), Cynthia Brown Hernandez (UGS), Michael Kanning (UGS), Paul Reller, Elizabeth Bell, Marty Gould, Ray Miltenberger

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 PM.

1. The minutes of January 9th, 2012 were approved with some amendments.

2. Announcements

a. A call for nominations to the UGC is going out again. One member will be leaving the council at the end of Spring 2012. A new representative will be needed from the College of Business.

3. Old Business

a. The Public Health changes reviewed and approved at the last meeting effectively created a "limited access" program. Such programs need to be approved by the Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors. Undergraduate Studies is working with Public Health to develop an alternative way to address concerns.

b. The new syllabus guidelines, presented at the last meeting, were unanimously supported by the council.

4. Proposal Reviews

a. Tabled Items

i. Revised Curriculum for the BM in Acoustic and Electronic Composition – Separate Acoustic Composition and Electronic Composition programs are being merged into one. Changes include 5 new courses (items *vi* through *x*) below. Changes were **approved**.

b. Nonsubstantive Changes

i. Changes to FIL3052, MUC2221, MUC3231, MUC4241, PHY3424, PHY4151C, PHY4744C and WST3311 were **approved**.

c. New Courses

i. EML4702 – Fluid Dynamics II – The Fluid Dynamics II course is a senior level technical elective for Mechanical Engineering Students. The goal of the course is develop an advanced understanding of fluid dynamics applied to mechanical engineering as well as to other related fields. Course was **approved**.

ii. LDR3231 – Leadership in a Political Context – This course offers students the dynamics of political leadership, exploring relevant leadership trends and examines leadership theory using articles, film/documentaries, short fiction, experiential activities, and role playing as the learning medium. Course was **approved**.

iii. LDR3216 – Leadership and Social Change – This course explores the role of leadership in movements of social change. Grand feats to small initiatives and even failed attempts

will be analyzed in order to consider the common practices of those who seek to improve society. Course was **approved**.

iv. LDR3115 – Contemporary Issues in Leadership – This course offers students interested in the dynamics of contemporary leadership the opportunity to explore relevant leadership trends and examine contemporary leadership theories. Course was **approved**.

v. MHS4XX6 – Applied Behavioral Analysis in Autism and Development Disabilities – ABA in Autism and Developmental Disabilities covers the history of autism and developmental disabilities, developmental milestones, skills assessment, developing programs, verbal behavior, and programming for generalization and maintenance. Course was **approved**.

vi. MUC1211 – Freshman Composition and Instrumentation 1 – Introduction to Composition is a skill-building course designed for freshman music composition majors. Students will study techniques to ideate, compose, orchestrate, notate and obtain documented performances of their music. Course was **approved**.

vii. MUC1212 – Freshman Composition and Instrumentation 2 – Introduction to Composition is a skill-building course designed for freshman music composition majors. Students will study techniques to ideate, compose, orchestrate, notate and obtain documented performances of their music. Course was **approved**.

viii. MUC2222 – Sophomore Composition and Instrumentation 2 – Sophomore Composition is a two-semester course which requires each student to complete two pieces per semester, two business-oriented projects, lead a discussion based on the writing of a selected composer, and explore major pieces from the literature. Course was **approved**.

ix. MUC3232 – Junior Composition and Instrumentation 2 – 3231 Composition is a skill-building course designed for junior music composition majors. Students will compose music, notate and orchestrate it and obtain a performance of it. Students will begin writing for large ensembles, e.g. wind ensemble and choir. Course was **approved**.

x. MUC4242 – Senior Recital/Project/Portfolio Presentation – MUC 4242 will be a "capstone"-type of experience requiring 8th-semester senior to produce and promote 2 concerts: one of his or her own music (on campus), and one with other seniors to be held off campus. A portfolio/database presentation is also required. Course was **approved**.

xi. SPC4701 – Intercultural Communication – Explores issues of culture, power, and politics inherent in the ways we practice intercultural communication. Course was **approved**.

d. Curriculum Changes

i. Certificate in National and Competitive Intelligence – **Tabled** while changes are made to the form.

ii. Changes to Women's Studies Major – Changes simplify and streamline curriculum to enhance student success. Changes name of Major from *Women's Studies* to *Women's and Gender Studies*. Changes were **approved**.

iii. Changes to Requirements for English Honors – Proposed changes will provide options for students seeking Honors in the Major. Current success rate is low, as many students begin but do not finish the thesis requirement. Under the proposed changed curriculum, students can choose to do a thesis or complete some other requirement, such as an Independent Study or a Graduate Course. Some members of the council were

uncomfortable removing the thesis requirement for an Honors program in English. Discussion on this topic concluded in the need to analyze currently existing Honor in the Major programs and possibly to produce a set of guidelines for such programs. Janet Moore and Brianne Stanback agreed to lead this effort. A motion to approve these changes was **approved** with one vote of no and one abstention.

5. Review Assignments

- a. Minor in Microbiology - Toomey
- b. HSC4XXX – Occupational Health & Safety - Austin

Next meeting will be on February 13th, 2012 in SVC 5012. The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 pm