

University of South Florida
Undergraduate Council
Minutes for March 26, 2012

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

Absent: Kim McCormick, Denise Passmore (excused)

Guest/Ex Officio: Gordon Fox (Biology), Cynthia Brown Hernandez (UGS), Brandon Kroll (Advisor CAS/ISS), Janet Moore (UGS), Wilson Palacios (CCJ), Lindsay Skillman (UGS)

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 PM.

1. The minutes of February 27, 2012 were approved.
2. Announcements
 - a. Proposed changes to USF Regulation 3.007 – Baccalaureate Degree Requirements
 - i. Beginning in Fall 2012, at least 50% of a student’s required upper-level major courses need to be taken at their USF System Institution or Campus conferring the degree.
 - b. Proposed changes to BOG Rule 6.016 – Policy on Summer Enrollment
 - i. Students who come in with less than 60 credit hours must enroll in nine credit hours over the summer. Students will not be able to meet this requirement with Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced International Certificate of Education Program (AICE), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and approved dual enrollment courses.
3. New Business
 - a. Library Representation on UGC – The UGC should have library representation on it. Chair Pluckhahn stated that this additional membership is an update to all FS committee/council memberships and that we will be notified of the additional member.
 - b. Authorized users of academic proposal forms – Concerns about the quality of academic proposals being submitted brought on the question of who should be creating academic proposals and if faculty should take ownership of courses they submit. The proposal form on the UGC website will be updated to include faculty contact and a pop up textbox to notify users that a faculty member should be proposing course changes, program changes, new courses, and similar academic changes.
4. Old Business
 - a. Proposal Reviews
 - i. Course Changes – Consent Agenda
 1. [CGS2060](#) – Introduction to Computers & Programming in BASIC – Title change was **approved**.
 2. [EDE4940](#) – Internship: Elementary Education – Change in credit hours and course description was **approved**.
 3. [EDF2085](#) – Introduction to Diversity for Educators – Addition of a prerequisite was **approved**.
 4. [EEX4944](#) – Final Internship – Change in credit hours and course description was **approved**.
 5. [MAE4551](#) – Reading the Language of Mathematics – A prerequisite change was **approved**.
 6. [MAE4652](#) – Technology for Teaching Secondary School Mathematics – Course description change **approved**.
 - ii. Tabled Items
 1. [CCJ4686](#) – Forensic Psychology (Bosson) - This item was **tabled**.
 2. [CCJ4651](#) – Drugs and Crime (Stanback) - The objective of this course is to provide the student a comprehensive understanding of the dynamics of drug use in American society. This course was **approved**, pending changes to the objectives and learning outcomes.
 3. [CCJ4681](#) – Domestic Violence (Bosson) - Description and area of knowledge need to be reviewed further with the course proposer. This item was **tabled**.

4. [EML4714](#) – Mechanics of Compressible Fluids (Toomey) - Both the full title and abbreviated title should use the word “flow,” and other concerns be discussed with the course proposer. This item was **tabled**.

iii. New Courses

1. [BSC4052](#) – Conservation Biology (Pluckhahn) - This course provides an extensive introduction to current models and empirical study in conservation biology, including substantial hands-on experience with programming methods for study of data and models. This course was **approved**, pending grammatical changes to objectives and outcomes.
2. [BOT4601](#) – Plant Ecology (Pluckhahn) - This course covers plant ecology on a number of different scales, from that of individuals and their physiology, to those of populations, communities, landscapes, and biomes. The course will emphasize critical thinking and writing skills. This course was **approved**, pending grammatical changes to objectives and outcomes.
3. [CHI1170](#) – Overseas Study (Michaels) - The title should be changed to include “China” and possibly use “study abroad” wording. Objectives need to be reviewed with information from the course proposer. This item was **tabled**.
4. [ENL4206](#) – Introduction to Old English (Johanningmeier) –Course was **tabled** until more information is received from the proposer.
5. [ENL4219](#) – Studies in Medieval and Early Modern Literature (Johanningmeier) - Course was **tabled** until more information is received from the proposer.
6. [EUH3129](#) – History of Orthodox Religion (Stanback) - Seek concurrence with History department; course was **tabled** until more information is received from the proposer.
7. [OSE4601](#) – Optical Product Technology (Toomey) - Overview of the operating principles, design, and mechanical construction of a broad range of optically-based products. The course is aimed at mechanical engineering seniors and includes hands-on design projects. This course was **approved**, pending changes to make the course description more detailed similar to the major topics listed and to clarify the learning outcomes.

iv. Program Changes

8. [Anthropology Major changes](#) (Austin) – Proposed changes will remove ANT 4034 as a capstone course, but still have it as a requirement in the major curriculum. Also, remove Anthropological Linguistics as a designated subfield, but retain the two courses listed, ANT 4620 (Language and Culture) and ANT 4750 (Language and Social Interaction). ANT 3610, Anthropological Linguistics, will remain as a core required course. These changes were **approved**.
9. [Psychology Program changes](#) (Bosson) – Proposed changes will update wording for the D/F policy for current students. Students who receive a total of three (3) D and/or F grades in Psychology major coursework will no longer be eligible to continue in the Psychology major and will be required to change their major to a field outside of the Department of Psychology. Grade forgiveness will not exclude a D or F grade from counting for this rule. Students who began as Psychology majors prior to Fall 2012 will be provided a phase-in period. Specifically, students who accumulated D and/or F grades in Psychology coursework at USF prior to Fall 2012 will be allowed to count any and all prior non-pass grades as one (1) D/F grade. Beginning Fall 2012, these students can still receive two (2) more D and/or F grades at USF before being required to choose a new major. An appeals process was included. These changes were **approved**.

5. Review Assignments

i. New Courses

1. [CAP4800](#) – Systems Simulation (Michaels)
2. [COT4525](#) – Computational Geometry (Toomey)
3. [MAE4945](#) – Practicum in Mathematics Education (Perrin)

ii. Curriculum Changes

1. [BGS: Information Studies \(Information Architecture\) Concentration](#) (Austin)
2. [Communication Sciences and Disorders Honors Program changes](#) (Stanback)

Next meeting will be on April 9 in SVC 5012. The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 PM.