

**University of South Florida  
Undergraduate Council  
Minutes for October 10, 2011**

Present: Tom Pluckhahn, Dell deChant, Ryan Toomey, Chad Michaels, Rick Austin, Jennifer Bosson, Deidre Orriola, Denise Passmore

Absent: Brianne Stanback (excused), Chandlor Bearden

Guest/Ex Officio: Janet Moore (UGS), Cynthia Brown Hernandez (UGS), Michael Kanning (UGS), Diane TeStrake (CMMB), Claudia Cooperman (CMMB), Carol Harneit (UC), Gerene Thompson (UC), Kay Perrin (PH)

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM.

1. The minutes of September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 were approved.
2. Announcements
  - a. The Faculty Senate is working on approving new appointments, including the At-large members that were approved at the end of the Spring 2011 semester.
3. New Business
  - a. **Health Sciences degree** – Representatives from the Cell Biology, Microbiology and Molecular Biology (CMMB) were present to facilitate the review of the new degree program in Health Sciences. A very similar program is currently offered as a major within the Natural Science program, but this new offering will be housed within the CMMB department. The program is intended for students seeking a wide variety of jobs in the health professions. Students will choose from tracks within the program based upon their intended career goals. The program will have a dedicated advisor. **The council voted to approve this new degree program proposal.**
  - b. **Nursing RN-BS program changes** – Representatives from the College of Nursing were present to support the review of changes to the RN-BS program. This on-line program serves working Nurses, allowing them to add a Bachelor's degree to their credentials. The existing program is not popular amongst current students. Changes will eliminate clinical experiences that are not useful to practicing nurses. Changes also include multiple 'clusters' that allow students to focus on specialties within the profession. **The council voted to approve changes.**
4. Proposal Reviews
  - a. New Courses
    - i. COP 4656 - Software Development for Mobile Devices - This course covers software development for mobile devices, mainly cellular phones. The primary goal of the course is to teach students how to design, develop, and deploy complete market-ready applications for mobile devices. **Approved.**
    - ii. HUM 3584 - Contemporary Film & New Media – Course was **tabled** until more information is added to the proposal.
    - iii. NUR 3078 - Information Technology Skills for Nurses - Introduction to information technology in order to enhance efforts and improve communication in the classroom and workplace environment. Focuses on developing technical skills and knowledge. **Approved.**

- iv. NUR 4895 - Educational Role of Nurse in Healthcare - Provides the learned with an opportunity to gain knowledge and skills to facilitate the teaching role of the nurse in educating patients and their families as well as nursing and health care staff. **Approved.**
- v. NUR 4128 - Pathophysiology/Pharmacology - Updates pathophysiological and pharmacological concepts critical to clinical decision making in nursing. Focuses on commonly occurring disease processes. **Approved pending corrections to prerequisites.**
- vi. NUR 4167 - Evidence-Based Practice for Bacc Prepared Nurse - This course provides the foundations of clinical inquiry, research methodology and critical appraisal in the synthesis of research findings for application in evidence-based nursing practice. **Approved.**
- vii. NUR 4828 - Foundations of Nursing Healthcare Leadership & Mgm - Provides an overview of leadership and management theories and competencies required in today's interdisciplinary healthcare environment. **Approved.**
- viii. NUR 4069 - Health Assessment for Registered Nurses - This course builds on the RN's previous knowledge and clinical expertise in developing health and physical assessment skills. The emphasis is on the analysis and synthesis of health assessment data as a basis for patient teaching. **Approved.**
- ix. NUR 4634 - Population Health - A synthesis of theory and epidemiology enabling students to promote health and wellness in populations. Current practices, policies, and laws will be explored in relation to environment, infectious disease, vulnerable populations, and chronic illness. **Approved.**
- x. RCS 4033 - Overview of Rehab & MH Counseling Professions - This course introduces students to the human services and multiple counseling professions, including, rehabilitation and mental health counseling, career/vocational counseling, forensic counseling, behavioral health and marriage and family therapy. **Approved.**
- b. Substantive Changes
  - i. NUR3805 Educational Transitions for Registered Nurses - Transitions the Registered Nurse to the professional nursing role using self-reflection to document learning achieved through past personal and professional experiences to plan for career advancement. **Approved** changes to description, credits and corequisites.
- c. Non substantive Changes
  - i. SLS2401 – Career Development Process – Changes title. **Approved via consent agenda.**
  - ii. CIS4910 – Computer Science Project - Revises description. **Approved via consent agenda.**
  - ii. ISM4141 – Web Application Development/Java – Changes prerequisites. **Approved via consent agenda.**
  - iii. ISM4234 – Object-Oriented Design and Development – Changes prerequisites. **Approved via consent agenda.**
  - iv. GEY4917 – Directed Research – Changes grading method. **Approved via consent agenda.**
- d. Curriculum Changes
  - i. BGS Leadership concentration – **Approved.**
  - ii. Management program changes – **Approved.**
- e. Removals
  - i. Social Work concentration within the Interdisciplinary Social Science program – **Approved.**

## 5. Review Assignments

- a. New Programs
  - i. Sociology Concentration: Identity and Community (Passmore)
  - ii. Sociology Concentration: Inequality and Social Justice (Passmore)
  - iii. Minor in Film and New Media Studies (deChant)
- b. New Courses
  - i. GEY4421 – Elder Abuse and Neglect (Stanback)

- ii. GEY4475 – Program Evaluation in an Aging Society (Stanback)
- c. Curriculum Changes
  - i. Economics (CAS) program changes (Bosson)
  - ii. Physics program changes (Toomey)

Next meeting will be on October 24, 2011 in SVC 5012. The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 pm.