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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
MARCH 22, 2006

A meeting of the University of Houston Undergraduate Council convened at 3:06 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2006, in the Boardroom, room 220 E. Cullen.

Members Present: Betty Barr, Joel Bloom, Elizabeth Branch, William Chernish, Agnes DeFranco, Lucus Faulkenberry, Sarah Fishman, Horace Gray, Martha Haun, Natalie Houston, Richard A. Kasschau, William Monroe, Norman Nelson, Richard Scamell, Barbara Snelling, Maria Solino, Rebecca Achee Thornton, Lawrence Williams, John Zemanek

Members Absent: Roger Blakeney, Simon Bott, Elaine Charlson, Ross Lence, William Munson, Matthew Nicol, Hezal Patel, Charles Peters, Barbara Tatum, George Trail

Guests: Catherine Parsoncault (The Coordinating Board), John Seltenright (CLASS), Dan Wells (Faculty Senate)

Staff: Heidi Kennedy and Marsha Daly

I Call to Order

Council Chair Lawrence Williams called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. Minutes from 2/22/06 were accepted as written.

II Announcements

A Scheduled Meetings for Undergraduate Council, in 220 E Cullen Building
Spring Meetings: April 19, June 7, and July 12

B Core Curriculum Website: <http://www.uh.edu/academics/corecurriculum/>
Undergraduate Studies Catalog Website: <http://www.uh.edu/academics/catalog/>
Undergraduate Council Website: <http://www.uh.edu/undergraduatecouncil/index.html>

C E-mail listserves:

UNDERGRAD-COUNCIL@LISTSERV.UH.EDU
UC-DEGREE-PROGRAMS@LISTSERV.UH.EDU
UC-POLICIES-PROCEDURES@LISTSERV.UH.EDU
UC-CORE-CURRICULUM@LISTSERV.UH.EDU
UC-NEWS@LISTSERV.UH.EDU

F Susanna Finnell, Admissions, is improving.

G Nomination Committee

Drs. Scamell, Thornton-Achee and Faulkenberry have volunteered to serve on this committee.

III Core Curriculum: Catherine Parsoncault, Ph.D., Program Director, Division of Academic Affairs and Research, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The Coordinating Board has been reorganized and as a result will be looking more closely at Core Curriculum at Universities.

The Core Curriculum Committee will meet to address the issues raised by Dr. Parsoncault.

Our Writing in the Disciplines will be allowable as part of the Core Flex Six. The Core Curriculum Committee will review the Exemplary Educational Objectives for submission to the CB with our proposed WID classes.

The Fields of Study will be on the next agenda for the Transfer Issues Committee. After their review of the collected data recommendations for changes may be suggested.

A call for nominations for membership on the Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee will be extended to universities again. This committee will study the state of undergraduate education and recommend state level evaluations of current degree programs. It will have the legislative maximum allowable members: 24.

IV Committee Reports

A Academic Policies & Procedures Committee:

UC 8859 06S: Academic Policies and Procedures Committee Report 3/15/06 RE:
UC 8844 06S Communication Disorders change in GPA requirements – Approved

B Degree Programs Committee

UC 8858 06S: Degree Programs Committee Report 3/8/06 - Approved

V Old Business/New Business

Graduation Pledge – If you have any comments please send those to Dr. DeFranco

VI Adjourned at 4:50 p.m.