

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
January 26, 2005

A meeting of the University of Houston Undergraduate Council convened at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26, 2005, in the Boardroom, Room 220 E. Cullen.

Members Present: Margot Backus, Betty Barr, Roger Blakeney, Joel Bloom, Simon Bott, Elaine Charlson, James Conyers, Luces Faulkenberry, Sarah Fishman-Boyd, Michael Friedberg, Horace Gray, Martha Haun, Richard A. Kasschau, Mario Lucchesi, William Monroe, Charles Peters, Richard Scamell, Barbara Snelling, Rebecca Achee Thornton, Larry Williams

Members Absent: Ed Apodaca, Morgan Geddie, Ross Lence, Robert Mayes, William Munson, Lynn Simpson, John Zemanek

Guests: Susanna Finnell, ADMIS; Chad Wilson, ENGR; Fritz Claydon, ENGR

Staff: Brian McKinney and Jeanette Morales

I Call to Order

Council Chair Larry Williams called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Minutes from 12/08/04 were approved as written.

II Announcements

A Scheduled Meetings for Undergraduate Council, in the Boardroom, Room 220 E. Cullen, Spring and Summer 2005 Meetings: February 23, March 23, April 20, June 8, and July 13.

III Committee Agenda

A Core Curriculum Committee (Report: UC 8477 05S)

The Council tabled the following document for further discussion:

UC 8447 04F: ENGI 2304: Technical Communications (New core)

The Core Curriculum Committee is concerned that this proposed social science core course (writing intensive) does not sufficiently meet the social science aspect. Furthermore, the committee feels that the "Social Science/Writing Intensive" category should be changed to "Intensive Writing Experiences" and that ENGI 2304 should be included in this new category. A motion was made to table UC 8447 04F and further discuss the issues mentioned above.

IV Presentation by Dr. Sara McNeil and Dr. Steven Mintz

Drs. Sara McNeil and Steven Mintz presented to Council a proposed intensive summer program called Smartstart. This program is geared toward emphasizing study skills, library/on-line research skills, writing, and information technology literacy in FTIC freshman. Smartstart originated from a successful interdisciplinary program Writing History which is currently taught on the weekends. Drs. McNeil and Mintz asked for input from Council members regarding Smartstart.

V Adjourned at 4:20 p.m.