

# CAS Undergraduate Council Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2016

### I. Call to Order

Deborah Tollefsen called to order the regular meeting of the College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Council at 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 17, 2016 in Scates 212.

#### Introduction/Roll Call

The following persons were present: Deborah Tollefsen (CAS); Vinhthuy Phan (Computer Science); Susan Elswick (Social Work); Helen Sable (Psychology); Firouzeh Sabri (Physics); Rob Marczynski (Interdisciplinary Programs); Graves Enck (Sociology); Dorian Burnett (Earth Sciences); Peter Bridson (Chemistry); Theron Britt (English); Dennis Laumann (History); Patsy Krech (CAS); Lan Zhang (Foreign Languages & Literature); Ladrica Menson-Furr (AAAS); Alistair Windsor (Mathematical Science); Andrew Olney (IIS); Barbara Taller (Biology); Susan Fitzgerald (CAS); David Cox (SUAPP); Michael Howell-Moroney (PADM)

The following Council members were absent: Michael Duke (Anthropology Remy Debes (Philosophy); Candace Walsh (Public & Non-Profit Administration); Kathy Lou Schultz (Women's and Gender Studies); Keri Brondo (International Studies); Burt Burraston (Criminology & Criminal Justice)

#### Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes of the October 20, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved

### II. Proposal for BS Degree in PADM

Drs. Cox and Howell-Moroney summarized their degree proposal, stating that many of these courses already exist in University College for the BPS degree. The department would like to draw from that program, since they teach the courses, in order to not only maintain management/control of the program, but also to receive the credit under SRI.

An extensive discussion followed, primarily centering around whether the degree should be a BS or a BA. A subsequent vote resulted in the committee's rejection of the proposal.

Committee members were instructed to return to their departments and get a consensus from the faculty and chairs. Another proposal was for Dr. Howell-

Moroney to investigate whether or not PADM could offer the program as a BPS (Bachelor in Professional Studies). A majority of the committee agreed that they would approve such a degree.

Individuals will report their findings via email, and the discussion will continue in January.

### III. **Other Business**

- **Update on Common Course Identifiers** - No action will be taken on any of the proposed changes at this time, especially if departments do not want the changes. Should THEC require the changes in the future, those issues will be addressed.
- **University Council Meeting** – All proposals were passed and will go to TBR. There was some difficulty with the proposed Physics changes, based on some Engineering changes.
- **Save the Date** – February 2, 2017, James Lang to present “Small Teaching,” a workshop on improving student learning by incorporating small changes. The workshop will be of particular interest to those faculty who teach introductory courses. Dr. Lang will also present a MOCH lecture. Committee members are encouraged to attend and to promote the workshop in their departments.
- **Scholarships** – The site opened Monday, department who have had difficulty in the past should work with Rob.
- **“Rolling” Curriculum Approval** – This discussion has been tabled until the new searchable catalog and new curriculum software are in place.

### IV. **Adjournment** – With no other business and a reminder that there will not be a December meeting, the meeting was adjourned.