

**The University of Texas at Arlington
Undergraduate Assembly
Minutes**

The Undergraduate Assembly met in regular session on Tuesday, September 29, 2009, at 2:15 p.m. in the UC Rio Grande. Provost Donald R. Bobbitt presided.

Attendance.

Member	Present	Excused	Absent	Alternate
Don Bobbitt	✓			
Michael Moore	✓			
Susan Appleton			✓	
Wendy Barr	✓			
Barbara Becker			✓	
Camille Broadway			✓	
Bill Carroll				
Ann Cavallo	✓			
Wei Chen			✓	
Andrew Clark	✓			
Phil Cohen			✓	
Wanda Dye			✓	
Greg Frazier	✓			
Donald Gatzke			✓	
Jeanne Gerlach		✓		John Buckwalter
Ruth Gornet	✓			
Tom Hamilton			✓	
Robert Hanks	✓			
Dan Himarios			✓	
Holly Hungerford-Kresser	✓			
Ski Hunter			✓	
Pamela Jansma	✓			
Richard Jimmerson	✓			
Melanie Johnson	✓			
Sonia Kania	✓			
Andy Kruzic	✓			
Robert Kunovich	✓			
Joo Hi Lee			✓	
Peter Lehmann			✓	
Kent Long	✓			
Carl Lovely	✓			
Peter Lung	✓			
Jeffrey McGee	✓			
Diane Mitschke			✓	
Sung Seek Moon			✓	
Helen Myers	✓			
David Navalinsky	✓			
Karl Petruso	✓			
Martin Pomerantz	✓			
Elizabeth Poster	✓			
John Priest			✓	
Allen Repko	✓			
Scott Ryan	✓			
Deborah Sanford-Wilson		✓		
Salil Sarkar		✓		
Gerald Saxon	✓			

Chris Scotese			✓	
Panos Shiakolas		✓		
Chandra Subramaniam			✓	
Meng Tao			✓	
Saibun Tjuatja			✓	
Sonja Watson	✓			
Beth Wright	✓			

Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the regular meeting on April 14, 2009, were approved as published.

Provost Bobbitt welcomed everyone and reported on some current initiatives. The increase in enrollment has pretty much occurred at the undergraduate level. We have 3,000 more students this year than we did last year. There are a lot of reasons why that is so. It's not dependent any one sector of the University. It's very positive news across all sectors.

Our retention from the Fall 2007 was 63%. We're up closer to 70% this year. This is attributed to faculty working with students, more advisors put into some key areas and a general feeling and philosophy across campus that, if we admit these students and enroll them here, then we are responsible for their success. Whether we can continue that group to the senior year to graduation remains to be seen but I'm hopeful we can.

We also, in the next year, will be rolling out some even more extensive initiatives to support retention. Many of you have heard that we will have an administrative unit at the institution to serve our freshmen and transfers who are undecided on a career track. It will be called University College. We will attempt to place all the services needed by freshmen in one building on campus. This will include University Advising Center, Counseling Services, Testing Services, Supplemental Instruction, Educational Support Services and the McNair Program. Ransom Hall will be taken off line in late fall and be converted to the physical location for the University College. The University College should be open by Fall 2010.

Provost Bobbitt reminded everyone to attend the Faculty and Associates Meeting on Thursday. We will be honoring those faculty who have attained Professor Emeritus status. It is important to remember upon whose shoulders we stand.

Report of the Registration, Calendar, and Scheduling Committee. Richard Jimmerson, chair of the committee, presented the proposed academic calendar for 2010-2011. The major change in the calendar is the later start date. The first day of classes was moved back at the request of Housing to give them more time to prepare residences between summer and fall sessions. The summer start date was moved back in 2009 to coincide with Arlington Independent School District's later release date. This was to allow AISD students, faculty and staff to enroll in summer classes. After some discussion, the calendar was approved with one opposed and one abstention.

The committee members are Eunice Curry, David Gray, Karen Krause, Eric Leidlein, Susie Libotte, Michael Moore, Lisa Nagy, Sophia Passy, Barbara Raudonis, Tom Ryan, Carter Tiernan, Rusty Ward, Dale Wasson, Kaitlyn Wilson (undergraduate student), and Crystal Cortes (graduate student).

Academic Calendar 2010-2011 (Proposed)

Fall Term - Regular Session, 2010 (16 meeting weeks: 15 instructional weeks + 1 final exam week)

Registration for Fall Term – Regular Session	April 5 – August 25, 2010
First day of classes	August 26, 2010*
Late registration	August 26 – September 1, 2010
Labor Day holiday	September 6, 2010
Census date	September 13, 2010
Registration begins for Spring 2011 Term	October 25, 2010
Last day to drop classes	November 5, 2010

Thanksgiving holidays	November 25 – 28, 2010
Last day of classes	December 10, 2010
Final exams	December 11, 13 - 17, 2010
Commencement ceremonies	December 16 – 20, 2010

Spring Term - Winter Intersession, 2010-2011 (12 meeting days: 11 instructional days + 1 final day)

Registration for Spring Term – Winter Intersession	October 25 – December 19, 2010
First day of classes	December 20, 2010
Late registration	December 20, 2010
Census date	December 21, 2010
Classes continue	December 22, 2010
No classes scheduled	December 23, 2010 - January 2, 2011
Classes continue	January 3 - 7, 2011
Last day to drop classes	January 6, 2011
Classes continue	January 10 – 12, 2011
Final exams	January 13, 2011

Spring Term – Regular Session, 2011 (16 meeting weeks: 15 instructional weeks + 1 final exam week)

Registration for Spring Term – Regular session	October 25, 2010 – January 17, 2011
Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday	January 17, 2011
First day of classes	January 18, 2011
Late registration	January 18 - 23, 2011
Census date	February 2, 2011
Spring Vacation	March 14 - 18, 2011
Last day to drop classes	April 1, 2011
Registration begins for Summer and Fall 2011 Terms	April 4, 2011
Last day of classes	May 6, 2011
Final exams	May 7, 9 - 13, 2011
Commencement ceremonies	May 13 - 16, 2011

Summer Term – Summer Intersession, 2011 (12 meeting days: 11 instructional days + 1 final day)

Registration for Summer Term – Summer Intersession	April 4 – May 15, 2011
First day of classes	May 16, 2011
Late registration	May 16, 2011
Census date	May 17, 2011
Classes continue	May 18 - 20, 2011
Classes continue	May 23 - 27, 2011
Last day to drop classes	May 24, 2011
Memorial Day holiday	May 30, 2011
Last day of classes	May 31, 2011
Final exams	June 1, 2011

Summer Term – 1st Five Weeks Session, 2011 (20 meeting days: 19 instructional days + 1 final day)

Registration for Summer Term -1st Five Weeks Session	April 4 – June 5, 2011
First day of classes	June 6, 2011
Late registration	June 6 – 7, 2011
Census date	June 9, 2011
Last day to drop classes	June 27, 2011
Last day of classes	July 7, 2011
Final exams	July 11, 2011

Summer Term – 11 Weeks Session, 2011 (11 meeting weeks: 10 instructional weeks + 1 week comprising 2 final exam days)

Registration for Summer Term – Eleven Weeks Session	April 4 – June 5, 2011
First day of classes	June 6, 2011

Late registration	June 6 – 7, 2011
Census date	June 9, 2011
Last day to drop classes	July 21, 2011
Last day of classes	August 11, 2011**
Final exams	August 15 – 16, 2011***

Summer Term – 2nd Five Weeks Session, 2011 (20 meeting days: 19 instructional days + 1 final day)

Registration for Summer Term – 2nd Five Weeks Session	April 4 – July 11, 2011
First day of classes	July 12, 2011
Late registration	July 12 – 13, 2011
Census date	July 18, 2011
Last day to drop classes	August 2, 2011
Last day of classes	August 11, 2011**
Final exams	August 15, 2011***

* **First Class Day for fall 2010 begins Thursday, August 26, 2010 instead of the traditional fourth Monday in August. This will accommodate the Housing Department in preparing on-campus housing for fall move in. Starting summer sessions later to accommodate Arlington Independent School District’s spring graduates, staff and faculty necessitated this scheduling change.**

** **Thursday, August 11, 2011 is the last instructional class day for 11 Weeks & 2nd Five Weeks Sessions**

*** **11Weeks Session final exams will be held on Monday-Tuesday, August 15 – 16, 2011**

2nd Five Weeks Session final exams will be held on Monday, August 15, 2011

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Michael K. Moore
Secretary

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