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|  | **Present** | **Excused** | **Absent** | **Alternate** |
| Ronald Elsenbaumer  | x |  |  |  |
| Amy Austin  | x |  |  |  |
| Barbara Becker |  |  | x |  |
| Khosrow Behbehani  | x |  |  |  |
| Bradley Bell  | x |  |  |  |
| Rebecca Bichel \*\* |  | x |  | Jody Bailey  |
| Yvonne Butler  | x |  |  |  |
| C. Y. Choi  | x |  |  |  |
| Lynn Cope  | x |  |  |  |
| Rachel Croson  | x |  |  |  |
| Venkat Devarajan  | x |  |  |  |
| Dana Dunn  | x |   |  |  |
| James Epperson | x |  |  |  |
| Sergio Espinosa  | x |  |  |  |
| Norma Figueroa | x |  |  |  |
| Cecilia Flores  | x |  |  |  |
| Donald Gatzke | x |  |   |  |
| Jeanne Gerlach |  | x |  | John Smith  |
| Laura Gough  | x |  |  |  |
| Jennifer Gray  | x |  |  |  |
| Jongyun Heo  | x |  |  |  |
| Loan K. Ho \*\* | x  |  |  |  |
| Holly Hungerford-Kresser | x |  |  |  |
| Raymond Jackson  **\*\*** |  |  | x |  |
| Pamela Jansma | x  |  |  |  |
| Richard Jimmerson \*\* | x |  |  |  |
| Qing Lin  | x |   |  |  |
| Dee Mackey  | x |  |  |  |
| Varun Mallipaddi | x |  |  |  |
| Albert Marichal | x |  |  |  |
| Gladys Maryol  | x |  |  |  |
| Steve Mattingly \*\* | x |  |  |  |
| Janet Melton  | x |  |  |  |
| Karl Petruso \*\* | x |  |   |  |
| Ericka Robinson  | x |  |  |  |
| Jaime Rogers | x |  |  |   |
| Scott Ryan |  |  | x |  |
| Salil Sarkar | x |  |  |  |
| Brent Sasley | x |  |  |  |
| Barbara Shipman  | x |  |  |  |
| Antoinette Sol \*\* | x |  |  |  |
| Chunke Su | x |  |  |  |
| Amy Tigner | x |  |  |  |
| Jingguo Wang  | x |  |  |  |
| Larry Watson | x |  |  |  |
| James Welch | x |  |   |  |
| Jim Williams  | x |  |  |  |
| Judy Wilson  |  |  | x |  |
| Beth Wright | x |  |  |  |
| Gergely Zaruba | x |  |  |  |
| Jie (Jennifer) Zhang  | x |  |  |  |

**Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the regular meeting on April 2, 2013 were approved as published.

**Provost**. At this time I would like to make everyone aware of the meeting dates for the Undergraduate Assembly for this year 2013-2014. We have dates set: September 10th, October 22sd, February 25th of 2014, and April 1st of 2014. We are also noting a **venue change for 2014**. We will be in the Red River Concho starting on our February 25th meeting.

**Vote on new Secretary and Parliamentarian.** The next order of business is to elect a new secretary and

Parliamentarian for Undergraduate Assembly. I am pleased to announce we have (3) nominations for the secretary position:

1. Barbara Shipman – Mathematics Department
2. Larry Watson – School of Social Work
3. Norma Figueroa – School of Architecture

The Provost asked if there were any other nominations. Move that nominations be closed, seconded and approved. It was asked how the voting should be conducted and it was decided that secret ballot would be the selection of choice. Ballots were written and passed forward. Ballots were counted and our new Secretary for Undergraduate Assembly will be: **Barbara Shipman**.

The secretary will serve a (2) year term.

I am also pleased to announce we have (3) nominations for the new parliamentarian for Undergraduate Assembly: Jamie Rogers from Industrial Engineering was nominated, but declined due to other obligations.

1. Laura Gough – Biology Department
2. Gladys Maryol – College of Nursing
3. Venkat Devarajan – Electrical Engineering

The Provost asked if there were any other nominations. Move that nominations be closed, seconded and approved. Ballots were written and passed forward. Ballots were counted and our new parliamentarian will be: **Gladys Maryol**.

The parliamentarian will serve a (1) year term.

**Core Curriculum 2014 – Project Update** **Kim Van Noort**

The new makeup of the core curriculum for 2014 is in the process of being developed. Last year this body determined the configuration of the new core. The new core is comprised of state-mandated component areas: 6 hrs. Communication, 6 hrs. American History, 6 hrs. of Government, 3 hrs. of Math, 6 hrs. of Natural & Physical Sciences, 3 hrs. Social and Behavioral Sciences, and 3 hrs. Creative Arts, and two areas that are institutionally determined: 3 additional hours of Mathematics, and a 3 hr. option where students will be able to choose any course from the options listed in the core.

Core Curriculum 2014 – Foundation Component Areas

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| Communication | 6 hours |
| Political Science/Government | 6 hours |
| Natural & Physical Sciences | 6 hours |
| American (U.S.) History | 6 hours |
| Social & Behavioral Sciences | 3 hours |
| Creative Arts | 3 hours |
| Mathematics | 6 hours (3 hours state mandate + 3 hours institutional option) |
| Language. Philosophy & Culture | 3 hours |
| Component Area Option | 3 hours (any course approved for a Foundation Area – no course may be used to fulfill more than one Area) |
| TOTAL | 42 HOURS |

There is a website for anyone is interested in more information: http://www.uta.edu/provost/core-curriculum/

We then asked all departments to begin work on proposals for courses to be included in these areas. Over the summer we had a large group that worked on this and, particularly for the Deans and Department Chairs that are here today, you should know that everyone did a fabulous job.

We have 89 courses total that have been proposed and we have a group of individuals who are evaluating those courses. This group, comprised of faculty from across campus, are evaluating proposals and syllabi, and we have a meeting in two weeks to sit down and make final recommendations.

We have a new person assisting the effort: Dr. Loraine Phillips, the new Director of IRPE, who will be helping with assessment and implementation.

By mid- October we hope to have the entire syllabus out for each of the different courses. And along with this new core, we also have a new catalog system. You are going to see a lot of new changes this year.

**Registration, Calendar & Scheduling** **Richard Jimmerson**

The attached Academic Calendar for 2015—2016 was proposed for the Assembly to consider.

Question asked if everyone understands the use of inclement days: We have added (2) extra days prior

to the end of the spring semester to use in case we have to take days off due to weather. This will be put in the catalog.

Spring Break on our calendar will be aligned with AISD for 2015-2016 (2sd or 3rd week in March).

The proposed calendar for 2015-2016 was discussed. A typo was corrected on the first page of the document: “Spring Term – Winter Intersession, 2014-2015” was corrected to “Spring Term – Winter Intersession, 2015-2016”. There was a motion to approve, with (1) opposed. The motion was seconded, and approved.

**Academic Standards Committee Dolores Aguilar**

The College of Education & Health Professions have submitted some changes.

College:

* Change in GPA requirement to 3.0 for all teacher certification programs

 Kinesiology:

* PETE: Change in GPA requirement to 3.0 for PETE teacher certification program
* Change in narrative relating to maintaining PETE eligibility
* EXSS: Change in GPA requirement to 2.5 for the EXSS Fitness/Wellness track

 BA in Kinesiology:

* Change in GPA requirement to 2.5

The rationale for this change was largely due to the competitive nature of the programs. Applicants with GPA’s lower than 3.0 for PETE have not been admitted to the program. The same has been true for applications in the fitness/wellness and BA in Kinesiology; the competitive GPA is greater than 2.5. Although the Kinesiology Department consistently advises potential applicants, the department desired to make the published GPA requirements consistent with reality. They felt students were falsely hoping to be admitted into these programs.

Any other business…..if no other business I move to adjourn, seconded, meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Ronald L. Elsenbaumer

Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Attachments:

Agenda Items for Undergraduate Assembly meeting on September 10, 2013