

Minutes of the Undergraduate Assembly, January 26, 2017
The University of Texas at Arlington

The Undergraduate Assembly met in special session on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. in the 103 Pickard Hall. Vice Provost, Pranesh Aswath presided.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proxy</u>
Carla Amaro-Jimenez	X	
Enid Arvidson		
Pranesh Aswath	x	
Laura Baker		
Anne Bavier	X	David Keller
Bonnie Boardman	X	
Bruce Bower	X	
Jeanean Boyd	X	
Daniel Cavanagh	x	
Elizabeth Cawthon	x	
Lynn Cope	X	D'Ann Shidler
Minerva Cordero		
Peter Crouch	x	Lynn Peterson
Danish Dawood	x	
Venkat Devarajan		
Angela Dougall	x	
Teresa Doughty		
Nan Ellin	x	Douglas Klahr
Ronald Elsenbaumer		
Sergio Espinosa	x	
Jeanne Gerlach		
Ruth Gornet	x	
Kevin Gustafson		
Qing Hao	x	
Ann Healy	x	
Rod Hissong		
Holly Hungerford-Kresser	x	
Seiji Ikeda	x	
Raymond "Joe" Jackson		
Richard Jimmerson	x	
Morteza Khaledi		
Joslyn Krismer	x	
Andrew Kruzic	x	
Diane Lange	x	
Joohee Lee	x	
Mary Jo Lyons	x	
Madan Mehta		
Nancy Michael (Lynn Peterson)	X	Lynn Peterson
Laura Mydlarz	x	
Joshua Nason		
Lynn Peterson	x	

Bradley Pierce		
Regina Praetorius	x	
Scott Ryan		
Brent Sasley		
Don Schuman		
Barbara Shipman	x	
Chandra Subramanian		
Amy Tigner		
Mark Tremayne		
Ramgopal Venkataraman	x	
Jingguo Wang	x	
Pamela White (Jenny Roye)		
Abu Yilla		
Gergely Zaruba (Lynn Peterson)	x	Lynn Peterson

Meeting called to order at 2:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting on November 8, 2016 were approved as published.

Welcome remarks

Dr. Aswath discussed the reason for the special session – to expedite approval of the core courses the university is submitting to THECB for approval.

Core course approvals

Dr. Sergio Espinosa discussed the formation and charge of the core committee. The committee was composed of 3 members from COLA, 3 members from COS, and 1 member from every other college/school. Members were elected by faculty in each college/school. Submissions were received from each unit and the committee met 3 times to determine which submissions would be presented to the UA for approval. During the first meeting, the committee developed a strategy to review submissions, developed a rubric from the guidelines from the University. Committee members reviewed each request independently and then compared reviews and discussed the decisions over the next two meetings. All but 2 courses were approved to move forward.

The Assembly discussed each course and the reasons it was approved or denied. Discussion centered on the rationale behind the Core Committee's rejection of SOCW 2325 and the approval of HIST 2377. Concerns about the specificity of the content in HIST 2377 were raised.

Voting results	Course Prefix & Number	Course Title	Core Component Area
22-0, Approved	PHYS 1351	Energy and Environment	Life & Physical Sciences
22-0, Approved	SOCW 2311	Introduction to Social Work	Social/Behavioral Sciences
22-0, Approved	SOCI 1310	Introduction to Popular Culture	Language, Philosophy & Culture
22-0, Approved	GEOG 2303	World Regional Geography	Social/Behavioral Sciences

22-0, Approved	GEOG 2302	Human Geography	Social/Behavioral Sciences
22-0, Approved	ENVR 1301	Introduction To Environmental Science	Life & Physical Sciences
10-12, Not approved	HIST 2377	Flight Culture & the Human Experience	Language, Philosophy & Culture

The Assembly discussed the future of the Core Committee and raised questions about the nature of the committee (standing or elected), the membership of the committee (Assembly membership required or not), length of service terms for committee members, and the relationship between the Core Committee, the University Curriculum Committee, and the Undergraduate Assembly. The issue will be revisited at a future Assembly meeting.

Meeting adjourned 3:23 pm