

## **Minutes of the Undergraduate Assembly**

March 26, 2019

The University of Texas at Arlington

Called to order – Toni Sol at 2:16pm

### **Minutes**

Minute ratification – No notes or corrections

Motion to approve minutes as presented by Sonja Watson; Seconded by Graham Hunt.

Unanimously approved

### **Submissions from the UCC**

Diane Lange gave brief summary of the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> UCC meetings. The UCC is finished with edits, additions, deletions for the year.

Andrew Gaupp moved to approve the UCC submissions as presented. Bonnie Boardman seconded. Passed unanimously.

### **First Year Experience Course Updates**

Liz Hannabas gave an update on the first year experience courses. Work has begun on a first year experience course for transfer students, UNIV 1101 as presented at the January meeting. A syllabus is in progress. The new course for transfer students will be taught by all departments Fall 2019. There won't be any changes to UNIV 1131.

A new position for an assessment staff position has been approved.

### **Academic Calendar**

Richard Jimmerson discussed the calendar for 2020-21. For now, the intersessions are being kept in the calendar. More discussion on intersessions is coming. The overlap of final exams and commencement has been taken out for Fall but not for Spring but since this the last meeting of 2018-19 a vote needs to be taken on the calendar.

Suggestion was made to approve the Fall 2020 calendar but not the Spring 2021 since there is an overlap. Discussion ensued but the consensus was that this wasn't feasible and the entire calendar needs to be approved. Without the intersessions, there would be more room to make sure there is no overlap between final exams and commencement. Not approving as a whole would create scheduling issues. More answers are needed.

A motion to approve the calendar as presented was made. Jeanean Boyd seconded. The motion was passed with 4 nay votes.

### **Other**

- Visit Arlington – Visit Arlington is a major event that will take place the same weekend as UTA's graduation. Since this is such a large event, there will a high demand for hotel rooms and restaurants. Suggestion to make graduates aware of the event so they make arrangements for their families and guests.
- Question: Any talk about revitalizing August commencements? Not that anyone was aware of.

- Richard Jimmerson reported that the Provost's Office had recently approved two 8 week non AO sessions within a semester. Any college can offer the courses. Questions: How will this impact classroom scheduling? Evidently Conroy Kydd has signed off on it so there should not be a scheduling issues. Members presented asked more information to be sent to them.
- Digital Measures goes live on August 1, 2019. Offering monthly training sessions to anyone.

**Adjournment**

Toni Sol adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.