

MINUTES
March 24, 2020
Undergraduate Assembly

The Undergraduate Assembly met in regular session on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 2:15 p.m. via Microsoft TEAMS. Minutes for the meeting follow.

Welcome Remarks **Pranesh Aswath, Sr. Vice Provost for Academic Planning and Policy and Undergraduate Assembly Chair**

Dr. Aswath opened the meeting with a soundcheck and ground rules. The meeting was recorded, and the recording was provided to members via email after the meeting. Ground rules: 1 minute to make the case for any question or comment. No interruptions during a person's 1 minute.

Attendance **Pranesh Aswath, Sr. Vice Provost for Academic Planning and Policy and Undergraduate Assembly Chair**

Dr. Aswath call roll to ensure a quorum was met. Those present are listed below.

Miguel Amaya	Teresa Doughty	Laura Mydlarz
David Arditi	Matt Fujita	Stephanie Rasmussen
Philip Baiden	Daniel Garcia	Megan Rogers
Shanna Banda	Ruth Gornet	Aaron Smallwood
Bonnie Boardman	Genevieve Graff	David Sparks
LaShaunn Bold	Grace Hao	Amy Tigner
Cara Boutte	Andrew Kruzic	Nila Veerabathina
Kay Yut Chen	Cynthia Laborde	James Williams
Sonja Watson (Cawthon)	Angela Liegey-Dougall	Abu Yilla
Saiful Chowdhury	Madan Metha	Regina Praetorius
Stephanie Cole	Nancy Michael	Jeanean Boyd
Paul Conrad	D. Miitschke (Grad Assembly)	Gavin Mitchell (Student Governance)
Lynn Peterson (Crouch)	Bill Carroll (Faculty Senate)	Sergio Espinoza
Conroy Kydd	Diane Lange (UCC)	Rebecca Lewis (IER)
Douglas Klahr (Parr)	Edith Reed	Kimberly Tate

Minutes **Regina Praetorius, Secretary**

Approval of January 28th Minutes (attached)

Secretary submitted motion to approve minutes; Teresa Doughty seconded.

Motion carried.

Submissions from the UCC*

Diane Lange, UCC Chair

- Submissions from three UCC meetings were presented: Minutes for each of the 3 meetings are in *Box* folder that was shared with members prior to the meeting and explained by Diane Lange (Meeting Dates: 2/4, 2/18, 3/17). All items passed except 2 College of Education (COEd) proposals.
- Diane explained the Education proposals that did not pass: BS in Education for Math teacher certification; BS in Education for Science teacher certification.
 - Dr. Aswath described the *UTeach* program collaboration between College of Science and College of Education. The issue for UCC was overlap of the degrees hence not approved.
 - Teresa Doughty explained that COEd is an approved provider for these certifications per THECB. These are addendums to a currently existing and approved program allowing students a pathway through COEd to be Math or Science teachers rather than pursuing pathway through College of Science. COEd pathway has additional pedagogical preparation, uses an integrated STEM approach, and provides students more teaching hours in the field.
- Ruth Gornet noted as parliamentarian that if a proposal does not pass UCC, it should not be heard in UA.
- Dr. Aswath noted that UCC is advisory and UA makes final decision. Diane Lange noted that this is correct. UA has final decision.
- UA members proceeded with clarifying questions related to overlap, teaching capacity, perceived lack of collaboration across units, questions of whose mission it is to train students to be teachers (content area [science, math] or method [COEd]).
- Vote was called.
 - Vote 1: Motion by Cara Boutte to consider all UCC items to approve except the two College of Education programs. Seconded by Amy Tigner. **Motion carried.** (1 Abstention)
 - Vote 2: For catalog changes not heard by UCC in previous 3 meetings, Kay-Yut Chen moved to table; simultaneously David Arditi moved to proceed. Miguel Amaya seconded Kay-Yut Chen's motion to table. Point of Discussion proceeded but no discussion ensued. **Motion carried.** (3 abstentions, 1 nay). A special meeting of UA will be called to consider additional catalog items not reviewed by UCC in 3/17 meeting.
 - Vote 3: Cara Boutte motioned, and Aaron Smallwood seconded to accept the 2 COEd proposals. Ruth Gornet requested a roll call vote (Karen Bittner taking note on roll call vote): 7 for, 11 abstain, 16 against. **Motion fails.**
 - Vote 4: Bonnie Boardman moved to ask UCC to review unreviewed catalog changes and provide recommendation to UA. Amy Tigner

seconded. **Motion carried.**

Multi-Semester Registration

Dr. Aswath and Dr. Kimshi Hickman

Discussion that 3-semester registration will be only 1000 and 2000 level courses. The 3000 and above will be Summer and Fall registration only.

Pass/Fail Option for Spring 2020

Dr. Aswath

Discussion explaining that each college is asked to consider Pass/Fail option for courses this semester given COVID-19 challenges; implementation will be through registrar. Discussion ensued. Questions about implementation will be pondered by Registrar. Jeanean Boyd moved that individual colleges make the decision regarding pass/fail with central administration to implement; David Arditi seconded. Discussion ensued. **Motion carried.**

6W Rule

Dr. Aswath

It was shared that any withdrawal this term will not count toward the 6W rule given COVID-19; registrar will check with other institutions as to what their plan is. Item tabled. No vote.

Maymester/Summer I 2020 Discussion

Dr. Aswath

Dr. Aswath asked we consider deleting Maymester given the stressors of current situation and the strain of holding previously face to face Maymester courses online given the short duration. No vote.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn from Stephanie Cole, second from Grace Hao,
Motion carried.