**MINUTES**

**March 23, 2021**

# **Undergraduate Assembly**

The Undergraduate Assembly met in regular session on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 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 thank everyone for the hard work they have done during the pandemic. He also said that he hoped with the vaccinations that we will start to resume more normality, such as the Spring Graduation, which will be in person. He also mentioned that he thought that UA has greater attendance with Teams and suggested that we continue to meet that way in the next academic year. We thought we might have a wine and cheese social, so that people could get to know one another. The modality will be, however, finalized at a later date.

# Dr. Amber Smallwood requested that everyone please write the motions in the chat, so that everyone can see what they are voting for and for record keeping.

# Dr. Aswath gave other ground rules: Only one person at time for any question or comment. Please use the “raise hand” feature in Teams. No interruptions during a person’s 1 minute. The meeting will be recorded.

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

# Attendance was taken to ensure a quorum was met. Those present are listed below.

# There was a quorum of 48 members when the meeting began.

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| Seyedali Abolmaali | Daniel Garcia | Karen Magruder |
| Miguel Amaya | Ruth Gornet | Nancy Michael |
| David Arditi | Genevieve Graff | Laura Mydlarz (Khaledi) |
| Pranesh Aswath, UA Chair | Katie Hageman | Adrian Parr |
| Philip Baiden | Grace Hao | Lynn Peterson (Crouch) |
| Bonnie Boardman | Brenda Harris | Edith Reed |
| LaShaunn Bold | Tim Henry | Megan Rogers (Merwin) |
| Bill Carroll | Michael Holmes | David Rosser |
| Elisabeth Cawthon | Leslie Jennings | Aaron Smallwood |
| Kay Yut Chen | Hyesun Jeong | Amber Smallwood |
| Saiful Chowdhury | Arafaa Khan (Student Governance) | David Sparks |
| Stephanie Cole | Young-Tae Kim | Priscila Tamplain |
| Paul Conrad | Douglas Klahr | Kimberly Tate |
| Theresa Doughty | Conroy Kydd | Amy Tigner |
| Sergio Espinoza | Cynthia Laborde | Jodi Tommerdahl |
| Ceil Flores | Blaize Lafleur (Student Governance) | Nila Veerabathina |
| Matt Fujita | Rebecca Lewis (IER) | James Williams |

**Minutes Pranesh Aswath, UA Chair**

Approval of January 26, 2021 meeting was requested

Stephanie Cole submitted a motion to approve minutes as presented; Nancy Michael seconded.

**Motion carried.**

**Submissions – University Curriculum Committee David Arditi**

David Arditi briefly presented the three grouped University Curriculum Committee submissions that were given to the Undergraduate Assembly members for review prior to the meeting, via Teams. David read out the New Programs, which included:

* Medical Humanities and Bioethics Minor—Department of Philosophy and Humanities
* Certificate in Mexican Culture-Dept. of Modern Languages
* Minor in Mexican Culture-Dept. of Modern Languages
* Minor in Commercial Film Production—Dept of Theatre
* Minor in Glass—Dept of Art and Art History
* Minor in Sound Studies—Department of English
* Certificate in Managing Diversity and Inclusion in Organizations—Dept of Management
* Certificate CSE-Dept of Computer Science and Engineering
* Certificate EE-Dept of Electrical Engineering
* BS in Resource and Energy Engineering
* Name change from Tech Writing and Professional Communication to Technical Writing and Professional Design—Department of English

Discussion followed. Nancy Michaels suggested an amendment to the Minor in Glass to include something that indicates that it is taught in Art and Art History rather than in Material Science. Dean Cawthone said that she would ask Art and Art History if that would be alright, as no one from that department was present.

Nancy Michael made the motion to edit the Glass Minor to add the name of the department.

Douglas Klah seconded the motion.

The Motion carried.

Stephanie Cole made the motion to approve of the minors, certificates, degrees and name changes, with the caveat that the Glass Minor will include “Art” in the title.

Dr. Arditi presented Course Proposals and Modifications, previously shared on Teams files.

Discussion followed.

Aaron Smallwood made the motion to change statistics for regression analysis to statistics for econometric analysis and to change the description to "course reviews probability and statistics needed for linear regression analysis" to "course reviews probability and statistics needed for econometric analysis"

Ruth Gornet seconded.

**Motion carried.**

Nancy Michael moved that we accept the course descriptions with the amended course.

Paul Conrad Seconded the motion.

**Motion carried.**

Dr. Arditi presented the Course Catalogue Changes, previously share on Teams files.

Discussion Followed.

Stephanie Cole moved that we pass the course catalogue changes

Grace Hao seconded

**Motion carried.**

**UCC** **By-laws** **David Arditi, UCC Chair**

Dr. Arditi briefly presented the UCC the proposed UCC by-laws, as they had not previously existed.

Discussion followed.

Ruth Gornet moved that we accept the By-laws of the UCC

Aaron Smallwood seconded.

**Motion carried.**

**Academic Coaching. Kimshi Hickman,**

**Assistant Vice Provost**

**for Retention and**

**Completion**

Ashley Purgason and Kimshi Hickman presented information about the Academic Coaching program that will begin next fall. They emphasized that although some students will be funneled into the program, it is open to all students. Faculty can recommend any student to the program, if the faculty thinks the student is struggling and would benefit from the program.

Discussion followed.

**Decision Not to Offer Temporary Pass/Fail Pranesh Aswath, Interim Provost**

**Grading for Spring 2021 Blaize Lafleur, Student Body President**

Dr. Aswath informed us that the Deans and Provost decided that there will not be the option to offer P/F for Spring of 2021.

Blaize Lafleur discussed how the pandemic has affected students and that they would still like to have the p/f option.

Discussion followed.

**Adjournment**

Bonnie Boardman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 p.m., Nancy Micael seconded.

**Motion carried.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Amy Tigner, College of Liberal Arts.*