

MINUTES  
January 18, 2022  
UNDERGRADUATE ASSEMBLY

The Undergraduate Assembly met in regular session on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 2:15 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. Minutes for the meeting follow.

Attendance

Salena Meeks	Jacqueline Fay	Sergio Espinosa
Peggy Semingson	Grace Qing Hao	Kimberly Tate
Seyedali Abolmaali	Pranesh Aswath	Tom Ingram
Allison Tomlinson	Joo Hi Lee	Amber Smallwood
Teresa Taber Doughty	Priscila Tamplain	Kay Yut Chen
Brenda Lynn Harris	Saibun Tjuatja	Rebecca Lewis
Paul Conrad	Nathan Brown	Timothy Henry
Laura Mydlarz	David Rosser	Joshua Nason
Leslie Jennings	Pamela Johnson	Kathryn Hageman
Young-Tae Kim	Lynn Peterson	Miguel Amaya
Nancy Michael	Ceil Flores	Srinivas Prabakar
Catherine LeBrenz	Shanna Banda	Nilakshi Veerabathina
Sophia Passy	Rebecca Lothringer	He Dong
Robin Jocius	Conroy Kydd	
Darlene Hunter	Rebecca Dean	
Sonja Ezell	Monica de la Fuente Iglesias	

- Monica de la Fuentes Iglesias represented Cynthia Laborde at today's UA meeting.
- Rebecca Lothringer was requested to attend today's UA meeting on behalf of Dr. Pam Johnson.

**Welcome Remarks**

**Pranesh Aswath, Interim Provost &  
Undergraduate Assembly Chair**

The meeting was called to order at 2:16 pm by Pranesh Aswath. He noted the Teams approach seemed to be working well. Pranesh gave some guidelines (reminders) for the meeting to run efficiently. Pranesh reminded everyone that they can raise their hand to ask questions. To ask a question, people can raise their hand at any point, and he will give you a minute to pose those questions. If you have a motion, type it into the chat for a record of the motion. All votes will take place in the chat so people can say yes, no, or abstain and will capture the vote. Pranesh asked if any member of press or other is in attendance. We don't have anyone from press at the meeting.

**Approval of November 9th Minutes (attached) Pranesh Aswath**

Pranesh said that regarding the analysis of predetermined GPA as mode of assessment for criteria for honor roll as to whether one or the other method is more equitable and is treats all majors equally. We have not yet got the data done. "One was a predetermined GPA as a mode of assessment of whether somebody meets criteria for honor, roll, or perhaps use a percentage of their students in that major as another way of assessing whether one or the other method is more equitable and treats all majors equally." We will table that issue for March meeting of UA where we can share the data on both

approaches and we will have more information. That said, Pranesh asked if any questions or comments on the minutes. There were no questions or comments. Pranesh asked for someone to have a motion to accept the minutes and second. Saibun Tjuatja accept motion as is. Catherine LeBrenz seconded.  
**Approved unanimously.**

**I. In Favor: ALL**

**II. Opposed: 0**

**III. Abstain: 0**

Following this vote, there was a comment in the chat that UA not choose the first day of class for future meetings. Pranesh agreed. He suggested if everyone agreed, would move UA meeting to first Tuesday (not first day) after the start of the term. He said we all agreed, would make sure it's not on the first day of classes. There was no vote—he said he would make that happen with the scheduling.

Sergio raised a concern that it could impact the process. Don't want unintended consequences of having the need to have the undergraduate curriculum meet first. Sergio will talk to Tom Ingram about this.

### **Submissions from the UCC**

**Tom Ingram, UCC Chair**

Tom Ingram provided updates. The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC) met on December 9, 2021, and they have one certificate from Dept of Communications (COLA), certificate in fundraising and non-profit management. It has been thoroughly reviewed and UCC recommends it for approval. The UCC also had 20 new courses they reviewed including 51 modifications and one course deletion. All of these were approved by unanimous vote and UCC recommends these for approval. Pranesh reminded us that these are in the files channel. Pranesh asked if there any comments, discussion, or questions about proposals from the UCC. No hands were raised. Pranesh asked for a motion to accept motions from UCC as is and someone to second. Peggy Semingson made a motion to accept as is and Leslie Jennings seconded it. This motion to accept passed unanimously. There were no dissensions. Pranesh noted the next UCC meeting would be busy. Pranesh thanked Dr. Ingram for his service on the UCC. **Unanimous approval of the motion from UCC. Motion accepted.**

**I. In Favor: ALL**

**II. Opposed: 0**

**III. Abstain: 0**

### **Pre-Approved Core Curriculum Course**

**Sergio Espinosa, Core Curriculum Course Chair**

Dr. Espinosa shared that the Core Curriculum committee met in late November, 2021 and they received a series of proposals. He shared his screen to show the core curriculum submissions. The list were proposals that they are submitting (five courses). We had information on four of the courses,

Five courses were shown. He said we didn't receive information on JOUR 2340 (Introduction to Photojournalism) as it was resubmitted. Dr. Espinosa shared an overview of the JOUR 2340 course by sharing his screen. The journalism course they had to resubmit, and they received it Sunday. Sergio shared the proposal in the chat window.

A question was asked from UA member about MATH 1309. The question was asked/noted that the TCCN number is the same as the math 1308.

Shanna Banda shared that for statistical literacy is geared for social work and COLA majors. Shanna shared Math 1309 is for social work for course we just approved, intro to stats. Shanna's response was, "Both are equivalent to that core course number. The only difference in statistical literacy and math 1308, which is elementary statistics, is that the statistical literacy is specifically geared towards social work and COLA majors. Both of them will satisfy that Common Core, and either one of those would transfer out as that Common Core number to another institution." Shanna said math 1309 is an excellent preparatory course for social work. People who are going into that course we just approved of social work 2325: Intro to Stats.

Pranesh asked if there were any other questions. Pranesh asked for a motion to accept all five courses as approved. Tom Ingram gave a motion to approve, and Allison Tomlison seconded the motion. **Approved unanimously. Motion accepted.**

- I. In Favor: ALL**
- II. Opposed: 0**
- III. Abstain: 0**

**Pranesh asked for any general concerns to be brought for the UA.** He said we would like to keep the doors open for any other comments, suggestions, anything else anyone on UA would like to see before between now and the final meeting which is in March or any issues of concern to bring in front of the undergrad assembly. He wished everyone a good semester and wonderful year, as well.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

\*Details regarding agenda items have been posted online for Assembly members to review.

*Respectfully submitted, Peggy Semingson, College of Liberal Arts.*