

Minutes of the Undergraduate Assembly, November 8, 2016
The University of Texas at Arlington

The Undergraduate Assembly met in regular session on Tuesday, November 8 at 2:15 p.m. in the UC San Jacinto/Neches/Perdenales. Vice Provost, Pranesh Aswath presided.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
Carla Amaro-Jimenez	x
Enid Arvidson	
Pranesh Aswath	x
Laura Baker	x
Anne Bavier	x (David Keller)
Bonnie Boardman	
Bruce Bower	x
Jeanean Boyd	
Daniel Cavanagh	
Elizabeth Cawthon	x
Lynn Cope	x
Minerva Cordero	x
Peter Crouch	x (Lynn Peterson)
Danish Dawood	x
Venkat Devarajan	x
Angela Dougall	x
Teresa Doughty	
Nan Ellin	
Ronald Elsenbaumer	
Sergio Espinosa	x
Jeanne Gerlach	
Kevin Gustafson	x
Qing Hao	x
Ann Healy	x
Rod Hissong	x
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	x
Laura Mydlarz	x
Joshua Nason	
Lynn Peterson	

Bradley Pierce	
Regina Praetorius	x
Scott Ryan	
Brent Sasley	x
Don Schuman	
Barbara Shipman	x
Chandra Subramanian	
Amy Tigner	x (Kevin Porter)
Mark Tremayne	
Ramgopal Venkataraman	x
Jingguo Wang	
Pamela White	x
Abu Yilla	x
Gergely Zaruba	x
Jennifer Zhang	
Priscila Cacola (Guest)	x
Kathryn Hollida (Guest)	x

Meeting called to order 2:20 p.m.

Welcoming remarks/Approval of October 4th Minutes

Pranesh Aswath welcomed the committee and asked the Assembly to review the minutes from the October 4th meeting. Sergio Espinosa moved to approve the minutes, and Barbara Shipman seconded the motion. Motion passed. Minutes approved without changes.

Submissions from the UCC

Diane Lange presented course changes recently approved by the UCC—Dr. Lange explained that the requests for Spring 2017 are considered late and are not approved by the UCC. Departments are to instead offer these courses as special topics courses in Spring 2017. They will then be added as regular courses for Fall 2017. One exception has been approved for Spring 2017 (BIOL 4459) because the College of Science does not offer a 4-credit-hour special topics course. All other changes were approved for Fall 2017. Andrew Kruzic moved to approved changes. Chandra Subramanian seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Abu Yilla discussed the new degree BS in Public Health. The UCC has already approved the new degree program. Andrew Kruzic moved to approve. The motion was seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of the Academic Calendar 2018 – 2019

Richard Jimmerson presented the proposed academic calendar for 2018-19. The Assembly discussed possible changes to the calendar including starting classes earlier in the Fall semester, taking off the day before Thanksgiving, taking off Monday through Friday the week of Thanksgiving, and shortening the late registration period. Danish Daewood from the Student Senate explained that the Senate is working on a resolution to declare the day before Thanksgiving as a student holiday. The resolution was forwarded to upper administration today. Sergio Espinosa moved to convene a group of Assembly members to review the calendar and research the issues brought up by the Assembly about these possible changes. Andrew Kruzic seconded the motion. Barbara Shipman noted that the Friday before Easter had previously been a holiday at UT Arlington and that few students come to class on that day. She moved to look into having that day off again. The motion was not seconded.

The Calendar Review Committee includes the following Assembly members: Sergio Espinosa, Ramgopal Venkataraman, Mary Jo Lyons, Gergerly Zaruba, Nancy Michael, and Carla Amaro-Jimenez.

Change in Bylaws

Dr. Espinosa requested that the following change be made to Section IV. B. 3 of the bylaws.

Current: A summary agenda shall be furnished to each administrative office of the University at least five days prior to the date of the Assembly meeting at which the agenda is to be considered.

Proposed: A summary agenda shall be furnished to each administrative *and academic* office of the University at least five days prior to the date of the Assembly meeting at which the agenda is to be considered.

Dr. Aswath moved to put the change on the agenda for the next meeting. Dr. Shipman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Subcommittee Updates

Academic Standards Subcommittee and Education Professions Council have no report.

New Business

Representatives have been named for the newly constituted Core Curriculum Committee. All invited units are represented except for the Academy of Distinguished Teachers. Dr. Aswath will send an e-mail to all members of the committee to meet soon. A chair should be elected by that group. The deadline for submission of core courses is in February. Dr. Aswath requests a special meeting of the UCC in January to review the final proposals for the core curriculum in order to meet the deadline set by the Coordinating Board. The Assembly may need to have an online vote to get core proposals approved and forwarded to THECB on time.

Meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.