

## **Minutes of the Undergraduate Assembly (UA)**

January 28, 2020

The University of Texas at Arlington

### **Welcome Remarks (2:16pm)**

Pranesh Aswath, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Planning and Policy & UA Chair welcomed members of the UA.

### **Minutes**

Minutes ratification.

Motion to approve minutes with the addition of the attendance roster unanimously approved. Amended minutes with attendance roster were provided to committee via email on January 29, 2020.

### **Submissions from the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC)**

Diane Lange, UCC Chair, gave brief summary of the December 4, 2020 UCC meeting. The UCC unanimously approved the course changes and program proposals as detailed in the Box folder. The following were included:

- Course changes, deletions, and additions from COLA, College of Science, CONHI, and SSW.
- College of Science Minor in data science proposal.
  - Discussion related to the science minor ensued due to possible overlap between College of Business Master in Economic Data Analysis.
  - A question was also presented as a course exists in Engineering with the same title (Machining Learning) as a course in the minor. Diane Lange indicated she would look further into the issue.

Motion to approve classes and minor from UCC unanimously approved.

### **Core Course Submissions from Core Curriculum Committee (CCC)**

Sergio Espinosa presented 7 courses as being proposed by CCC for approval by the UA (detailed information in Box folder). He explained some reasons for not recommending a few of the other initially proposed courses to the CCC.

- Among the included courses were 2 HIST courses as alternatives to HIST 1301 and 1302. Discussion ensued as to whether other departments could submit history courses for fulfilling the core history requirement.
- Pranesh Aswath shared that the Coordinating Board recently sent a memo indicating that universities will now be responsible for vetting courses into the core and a review by the Coordinating Board will no longer be required.

Motion to approve classes submitted by CCC for inclusion in the core unanimously approved.

### **UNIV1101/PALs Discussion**

Grace Hao brought forward concerns about the UNIV 1101 course design and lectures from PALs. Danielle Klein of Division for Student Success will take these concerns into account when reviewing feedback from fall and spring and revise accordingly.

### **Multi-Semester Registration**

Pranesh Aswath, Kimshi Hickman, and Nicole Mancone Fisher presented on this new initiative stating that retention literature indicates this is helpful to students. It will not be mandatory nor change dates for add/drop, tuition payment, nor waitlist options.

- It was requested that the literature be shared with the assembly. This was sent via email on January 29, 2020.
- Concerns were raised regarding room availability, advising impact (advising holds will not work as well in this model), faculty commitment, budget, sufficient demand for courses promised, and prerequisites.
- Nicole Mancone Fisher indicated pre-requisites will not be checked at the end of each semester through MyMav.
- Open session dates were shared to allow faculty and staff to learn more, ask questions, and provide more feedback.
- Pranesh Aswath indicated we will pilot this and see how it goes.

Adjournment unanimously approved.