

MINUTES

November 22, 2022

UNDERGRADUATE ASSEMBLY

The Undergraduate Assembly met in regular session on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 2:15 p.m. in-person.

Attendance

Austin Allen	Robin Jocius	Peggy Semingson
Miguel Amaya	Pam Johnson	Aaron Smallwood
Pranesh Aswath	Philip Baiden (proxy for Catherine LaBrenz)	Kimberly Tate (ex-officio without vote)
Jeanean Boyd	Rebecca Lewis (ex-officio without vote)	Carter Tiernan
Monica De la Fuente Iglesias	Jianling Li	Saibun Tjijatja
Rebecca Deen	Nancy Michael	Allison Tomlinson
He Dong	Laura Mydlarz	
Teresa Doughty	Joshua Nason	
Jackie Fay (ex-officio without vote)	Owen Parker	
Ceil Flores	Sophia Passy	
Tom Ingram	Srivnvas Prabakar	
Leslie Jennings	David Rosser	

Quorum: A quorum of UA voting members was present to conduct business.

Welcome Remarks

Pranesh Aswath, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Planning and Policy

Pranesh addressed the assembly with a welcome. He officially called the meeting to order at 2:19 pm.

Approval of October 11 Minutes (attached) Pranesh Aswath

Pranesh asked for the approval of minutes. Any discussion from last meeting? No comments. Pranesh asked for a motion. Joshua Nason moved; Nancy Michaels seconded the motion.

Approved unanimously.

I. In Favor: ALL

II. Opposed: 0

III. Abstain: 0

Submissions from the UCC* Tom Ingram, UCC Chair Proposed

Tom Ingram shared the UCC last met Tuesday 25th, October 22. Agenda items were discussed and there was a new member of committee, Carter Tiernan, Univ College. A quorum was present and no new programs or certs; course changes were reviewed and approved. COLA had submissions. Total of 24—7 were new, 16 modifications, and 1 deletion. All COLA. All courses as presented in UA assembly agenda are recommended for approval by UA.

Pranesh asked for any points of discussion from Dr. Ingrams' report. No discussion took place.

Motion to accept from UCC as submitted from Nancy Michael, and Rebecca Deen seconded. No one opposed.

Approved unanimously.

I. In Favor: ALL

II. Opposed: 0

III. Abstain: 0

Academic Calendar

Kimberly Tate

Pranesh asked for Kimberly Tate to talk about the academic calendar. That committee met to discuss the academic calendar. It falls in compliance with THECB guidelines. Same number of meeting days prior three semesters. Prior fall and prior spring semesters.

Pranesh asked for any questions. Laura Mydlarz asked when Arlington ISD puts out spring break. They usually work ahead of them. Kimberly said they should put it out by fall 2023 for 2025. Kimberly said if that happens and it's a different week with AISD they will take another look to see if anything has to shift and that would be shared with UA, as well. It doesn't usually affect 16-week courses (Pranesh). Nancy Michael—Juneteenth is tough in summer. It is on a Friday and didn't affect classes. Could be a big deal for five-week classes. Nancy—final exams for summer are now on a Thursday/Friday. Kim—they are now incorporating Fridays. Doesn't match classes. "Lost a class day." Kim—have to use Fridays or it backs up summer processing and run into start of fall semester. This backs up the grading deadline. Nancy—Tues/Thurs people lose a class day. Losing a Thursday to the M/W final time slot. She said students were complaining. Bottom line—lose a class day. Kim—conversations they can continue to have with the calendar committee. Pranesh—it's tight. Kim—number of days offered final exams and number of grading period, days it takes to process factors into the flexibility.

Joshua Nason—raised a concern that 16 class meetings for Tuesday. 14 for Wednesday. Two full weeks. (Classes that meet one day a week). Kim—they are looking at most common days. So unfortunately, it is the case for one-day meeting classes that they will. Question: Is there a way to make an asterisk for days that will be shorter on the calendar? Kim—doesn't see why not. Pranesh—maybe on a link to another page. (If you want to know how many M/W, etc.). I (Peggy Semington) suggested additional blended/hybrid format as a way to supplement instructional time.

Pranesh asked for recommendation for calendar approved as submitted.

Robin Jocius moved. Seconded by Srivnvas Prabakar.

Approved unanimously.

I. In Favor: ALL

II. Opposed: 0

III. Abstain: 0

Standing Committee Information Sharing

Open

Nothing from Nancy Michael on Academic Standards. Hopefully next time they will have something to report.

New Business

Open

Tom Ingram reported on behalf of Sergio Espinosa from Core Curriculum Committee: 8 total CCC courses under review. Another meeting will occur in Spring semester and those will be presented at January 31 undergrad assembly meeting.

Someone said---this meeting doesn't happen on Tuesday of Thanksgiving.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn from Saibun Tjijatjia. Seconded by Sophia Passy

Approved unanimously.

I. In Favor: ALL

II. Opposed: 0

III. Abstain: 0

Pranesh Aswath adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Semingson, College of Liberal Arts.