

## **Undergraduate Academic Council Minutes**

**Meeting:** Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 2:00-3:00PM  
Room: Undergraduate Education Conference, LC31J

**Present:** JoAnne Malatesta (Chair), Maria Brown , Nathan Cady, Yu-Hui Chen, Steven Doellefeld, Sue Faerman, Martin Hildebrand, Winnie Kutchukian, John Murphy, Steve North, Joan Savitt, Hany Shawky, Michael Steklof (graduate student), Christy Smith, Kabel Stanwicks and Katherine Trent.

**Guests:** Karen Chico Hurst, Linda Kryzkowski, Sue Phillip and Greg Stevens.

**Review of the minutes:** Minutes from 9/15 meeting were tabled.

**Chair's Report:** JoAnne Malatesta is now a Senator. The General Education Committee needs another UAC member.

The Council Chair asked the Committees Chairs if there was any business to report: Sue Faerman reported that the Committee on Academic Standing will be meeting this coming Friday. They will be reviewing approximately 30-40 petitions.

The Honors and Curriculum Committee reported that they need one more member.

The Committee on Interdisciplinary Studies did not have anything to report at this time.

The General Education Committee will meet this coming Thursday. They have some carryover business from the last semester.

The Council now has a wiki which will make it easier for all members to share information.

**Old Business:** The Honors Program proposal: “Grade Point Requirements for Continuing in the Honors College” which passed the Senate last year was brought back to review the wording, suggested by the university legal counsel. The motion was voted and carried; the bill will go back to the President for signature.

The Chemistry Department submitted a number of proposals that have been passed by the Council but never appeared on the Senate floor. The changes to the Chemistry Honors Program and the creation of the Honors Forensic Emphasis were reaffirmed in UAC and will be presented at the next SEC meeting.

**New Business:** Since there have been some problems keeping track of bills once they have passed through UAC, the Chair would like to implement some tracking device to make sure that the proposals from UAC are accurately monitored and accounted for as they progress through various channels. Additionally, this will serve as a feedback loop to inform UAC and departments about the progress of proposals. The Council will take a look at the policies of Restricted Majors, since it has not been reviewed in some time.

A member brought the idea of the Council looking into students who have met or exceeded all graduation requirements and continue to

register for courses. According to the member such students are trying to avoid paying back student loans and are using resources that could go to other students who are trying to complete their program of study and leave the university.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm