

Undergraduate Council Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2019

2:45 PM-4:00PM

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1. Welcome/Introduction by 2018-2019 Chair, Brandi Falley:
 - a. Review and approve minutes of the last Undergraduate Council Meeting held 1/30/19 - Motion to approve the minutes as written was brought to the floor by Cathy Banks and seconded by Matthew Henley. The minutes were approved as written.
 - b. Health & Wellbeing Initiative – Christopher Johnson, Chief of Staff – Mr. Johnson spoke to the council regarding TWU’s Health & Wellbeing Initiative. The idea of the initiative would be to infuse health and wellbeing into the classroom setting, much like experiential learning. There is an advisory group consisting of the leaders of the five TWU wellbeing themes and faculty members to begin discussions.
 2. Undergraduate Council Committees – Brandi Falley
 - a. Course Proposal Review Committee – Colby Parsons – no report at this time.
 - b. Assessment Committee – Kim Mory – the committee has completed the survey for the faculty and are currently waiting on approval to send out to the department chairs. The committee is also working on an audit day for freshmen students to try out different courses from different areas.
 - c. Program Review Committee – Jim Williams – the committee is continuing to discuss the definitions for a concentration, a track, a minor, and a certificate. They are researching other universities to see how they may have defined them.
 - d. Academic Policy Advisory Committee – Claire Sahlin – the committee is reviewing how membership is constituted in the current bylaws. The committee had questions and ideas regarding the membership. Dr. Sahlin discussed those items with the executive committee. There will be another meeting of the committee before bringing any revisions to the council for review and discussion.
 3. TWU Undergraduate Updates – Barbara Lerner/Michelle Buggs
 - a. Health & Wellbeing Initiative – Dr. Lerner began by explaining that the idea of the initiative is to create a culture of health and wellbeing at TWU. There are many ways that health and wellbeing could be conveyed to students. The discussions regarding how this initiative might look and work will include the undergraduate council.
 - b. THECB and Legislative Updates – the primary focus of this legislature is to equalize K-12 funding. There are also discussions to raise teacher salaries across the state.
 - c. Fields of Study – we have many faculty that are on the Field of Study committees at the state level. The courses approved for a Field of Study will include 15 hours, above the 42 hours of the core, which will apply to the major requirements. They will have the same regulatory weight as core coursework and must be accepted when transferred.

4. Other Business – Brandi Falley
 - a. Updates: Council representatives for Academic Council, Council of Chairs, and Faculty Senate – no updates at this time.
5. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 3:28pm.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 27, 2019