

Undergraduate Council Meeting

September 25, 2019

2:45 PM-4:00PM

Denton	Dallas - IHSD	Houston - IHSH
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1. Welcome/Introduction by 2019-2020 Vice-Chair, Kristine Morris:
 - a. Review and approve minutes of the last Undergraduate Council Meeting held 4/24/2019 - Motion to approve the minutes as written was brought to the floor by Brandi Falley and seconded by Ken Boonme. The minutes were approved as written.
 - b. Welcome to New Members/Representatives – Kristine Morris – We welcomed the new members of the Undergraduate Council and provided members with the current membership list, meeting dates and locations, and the council task list.

 2. University Policy for Undergraduate Council – Dr. Barbara Lerner – Dr. Lerner explained to the council members that the council is the most important faculty governance at the university. The faculty is responsible for curriculum. The council represents the undergraduate faculty as a whole.

 3. Discussion of 2019-2020 Undergraduate Council Committees – Kristine Morris – Each committee was introduced by the committee chairs to explain each committee’s responsibilities.
 - a. Course Proposal Committee - responsible for reviewing proposals for core courses, and courses applying for designation as (a) global perspectives, (b) multicultural/women's studies, and (c) wellness. Sub-committees are used in each of these three areas and the sub-committee members are determined by the Committee. If courses are proposed outside of these three areas, members of the whole committee review and evaluate those proposals.
 - i. Course Proposal Review Committee Chair – **Amy Burke**
 - b. Assessment Committee - responsible for evaluating assessment reports related to core curriculum, graduation requirements, and student success initiatives, providing critical feedback to administrative departments and academic component areas, with a goal of impacting overall student learning success. The committee will utilize research and best practices to recommend appropriate modifications in collaboration with the Council of Chairs, Faculty Senate, Academic Council, and other undergraduate council committees.
 - i. Assessment Committee Chair – **Kim Mory**
 - c. Program Review Committee - Responsible for reviewing proposals for new degree programs or certificates, developing a plan for academic reviews of existing undergraduate degree programs on a rotating cycle, and periodically re-evaluating the program review policy and process.
 - i. Program Review Committee Chair – **Jim Williams**
 - d. Academic Policy Advisory Committee - responsible for reviewing and making recommendations regarding existing and proposed academic policies that impact undergraduate education.
 - i. Academic Policy Advisory Committee Chair – **Lisa Rosen**

 4. TWU Undergraduate Updates – Barbara Lerner

a. Student Success – The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has implemented the 60x30 plan. The goal is that 60% of adults will hold a credential or certificate of some kind by 2030. The THECB broke the state into regions and we are in the D/FW region with the largest growth in the state.

b. 86th Texas Legislature

- i. HB3 Public School Finance – HB3 brought in \$11.6 billion in additional funding for Texas schools. A portion of the funds will be used for the College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) outcome bonuses, dual-language programs, extended year summer programs, and dyslexia allotment.
- ii. SB 25 Accelerating Transfer and Articulation –
 - Requires 4-year institutions to report all courses that are not accepted as credit toward a student’s major.
 - Requires that each degree program or undergraduate certificate have a course sequence posted.
 - Students filing out the Common Application may indicate consent for an institute of higher education that rejects the applicant to provide the student’s application to other institutions that offer the same degree program.
 - Dual Credit students will have to file a degree plan no later than the end of the second semester immediately following the term in which the student earned 15 or more semester credit hours of dual credit.
 - Requires a study and report on the current core curriculum for feasibility of splitting the core into a general core and a meta major core, the recommended number of hours in each sections, and the inclusion of Fields of Study into meta majors.

5. Other Business – Kristine Morris

- a. Updates: Council representatives for Academic Council, Council of Chairs, and Faculty Senate – no reports at this time.

6. Meeting was adjourned at 3:34pm.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 30, 2019