

# Minutes

## University Council on General Education

### April 22, 2009 Meeting

***In Attendance:*** Professors Joe Kobylka, Vicky Lockwood, Pamela Patton, Pia Vogel and Wayne Woodward; Associate Dean Jennifer Haden; Associate Dean Gary Moskowitz; Associate Dean Robb Pocklington; Associate Dean Dennis D. Cordell; and Assistant to the Associate Dean for General Education Julián Guevara.

#### ***Review of Council Minutes***

Dr. Cordell asked the Council to review the minutes for the meeting of March 18, 2009. The minutes were approved as written.

#### ***Announcements***

Dr. Cordell thanked all Council members for their time, effort, and dedication to the Council during this past academic year. He also reminded everyone that following the Council meeting there would be Town Hall meeting to discuss the University Curriculum and therefore, today's meeting would be relatively short.

#### ***Two approved CF proposals requesting Human Diversity designation***

1) Cultural Formations/HUMAN DIVERSITY: Human Rights in Germany, (FL XXXX/CF 33XX), submitted by Sebastian Wogenstein on 03/02/09;

2) Cultural Formations/HUMAN DIVERSITY: Schools and Society: The Evolution of America's Public School System, submitted by Andrea Hamilton on 02/06/09. Having discussed these course proposals at the previous meeting, Council members agreed that these courses carry more than enough disciplines to be considered as Human Diversity Co-Curricular requirements. **A motion was made to approve these courses as Human Diversity offerings; the motion was seconded and approved.**

#### ***University Honors Program GPA***

Dr. Doyle, Director of the University Honors Program, and the UHP Advisory Committee are proposing to raise the overall GPA for University Honors Program students from 3.0 to 3.25 (the UHP GPA required to be an active UHP student will remain as 3.0.) Council members agreed that the overall GPA is slightly lower than appropriate. The consensus was that by raising the bar, it will help students focus better. Gary Moskowitz suggested we raise the GPA to 3.3 as this is what is required of all UG Cox students. Council members liked and agreed that the overall minimum GPA requirement should be set at 3.3. This will send a message to the incoming class about how strong and serious the University Honors Program is. A motion was made to approve to raise the overall GPA from 3.0 to 3.3; the motion was seconded and approved.

#### ***Timeline for the University Curriculum***

Dr. Cordell shared a document with Council members to illustrate the beginning of the review and future goals/deadlines to meet. This is with the hope of having this launch off the ground within time of the Second Campaign. The current goal is to introduce and begin the University Curriculum Fall 2011, but again, this all depends on numerous approvals from various University administrators.

#### ***Closing remarks***

Dr. Cordell, again, thanked everyone for their hard work this past year. He also let members know that he did make an attempt to ask Dean Cordelia for the end of the year lunch. Unfortunately, the

Dean was not available but asked Dr. Cordell to thank all the members for their contribution to the University Council on General Education.

The Council adjourned at 3:58pm

Council members received the following documents:

- 1. Council minutes for meeting of April 22, 2009;**
- 2. Course proposals as follows:**
  - a) Cultural Formations/HUMAN DIVERSITY: Human Rights in Germany, (FL XXXX/CF 33XX), submitted by Sebastian Wogenstein on 03/02/09;**
  - b) Cultural Formations/HUMAN DIVERSITY: Schools and Society: The Evolution of America's Public School System, submitted by Andrea Hamilton on 02/06/09;**
- 3. Timeline for the University Curriculum**