UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  DRAFT
June 5, 2008
Moore Dining Hall, Bean Complex

Present:
Andrew Bonamici, Gavin Bruce, Herb Chereck, Paul Engelking, Hilary Gerdes, Dave Hubin, Anne Laskaya, Andrew Leavitt, Alexandra Marcus, Steven Pologe, Karen McLaughlin, Ron Severson, Karen Sprague, Arkady Vaintrob, and Jim Imamura

Absent:
Elizabeth Jarvis, Alan Kimball, Dean Livelybrooks, Bill Rossi, Elizabeth Reis, Kate Wagle, and Malcolm Wilson

Guests:
Caleb Owen, Student Representative, 2008-2009

Introductions:
The Chair introduced Caleb Owen who will serve as one of the Student Representatives on the Undergraduate Council, 2008-2009.

Karen Sprague presented farewell acknowledgments to departing UGC members. Steven Pologe also expressed his appreciation to the full council as he prepared to conclude his term of service.

Agenda
The Chair distributed a draft of a proposed motion for the UGC to consider regarding the use of Topics courses to satisfy the Multicultural requirement. Council members reviewed the draft and generally agreed that the motion addresses four major points:

- The challenge of asking variable Topics courses to meet the specific criteria for Multicultural courses;
- If departments wish to use Topics courses to fulfill the Multicultural requirement, they have a responsibility to monitor the appropriateness of the courses over time;
- A process for designating suitable Topics courses as Multicultural;
- and,
Options for departments to consider.

Council members agreed that current means for moving courses on and off approved lists is cumbersome. A few minor edits to the wording of the draft motion were proposed.

The Council was generally in favor of the draft motion. The Chair called for a vote.

The motion was made that the Undergraduate Council accept the draft motion in principle, with wording to be reviewed and edited by a small subcommittee and then forwarded to the UO Senate along with other Multicultural Requirement recommendations.

Moved: Steven Pologe
Seconded: Bruce Gavin

(See: Motion: Topics Courses Approved for Multicultural Credit, Revised Motion: Topics Courses Approved for Multicultural Credit)

The motion passed unanimously.

The UGC discussed the concerns of the Committee on Courses regarding the satisfaction of the Multicultural requirement by 400-level courses. The Council concluded that it would like to see more Multicultural courses offered at the 100- and 200- introductory level. It would also be desirable to have more courses in the American Cultures category. The Council concluded, however, that these developments should not preclude 400-level courses from satisfying the Multicultural requirement.

A draft recommendation on the Multicultural requirement, incorporating the various motions accepted by the Council over the course of its review and discussion, will be developed over the summer and presented to the UGC when it reconvenes in Fall 2008.

The meeting was adjourned.