UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
January 10, 2011
Collaboration Room, Knight Library

Present:
Susan Anderson, Andrew Bonamici, Ron Bramhall, Sue Eveland, Dean Livelybrooks, Karen McLaughlin, Ian McNeely, Josh Snodgrass, Karen Sprague, and Judith Baskin

Absent:
Eric Carlson, Kathie Carpenter, Jordynn Didlick, Amy Goeser Kolb, Dave Hubin, Jennifer Joslin, Drew Terhune, Jim Tice, Matt Villeneuve, Tom Wheeler (on leave), Paul Engelking, and Julie Hessler

Agenda:

AGENDA

1. Minutes from November 16 and November 30, 2010 meetings
2. Preview of winter-term UGC agenda
3. Discussion: would the New Partnership improve the quality of academics at UO?
   See also http://newpartnership.uoregon.edu

Minutes:
The Council reviewed the minutes from the November 16, 2010 and November 30, 2010 meetings.

The motion was made to accept the minutes from the November 16 and November 30 meetings.

Moved: Judith Baskin
Seconded: Karen McLaughlin
The motion to accept the minutes passed unanimously.

UGC Grade Culture Proposal Clarifications:
Several items in the grade culture proposal, which will be presented as a motion to the University Senate, were clarified by the Council:
- A timeline was set for the implementation of the three elements of the proposal:
  1. Departments will have their grading policy posted online by the end of Fall Term 2011.
2. Grade distribution data will be available to faculty for Fall Term 2011.
3. Starting in Fall 2013, transcripts will include the % of As given in appropriate courses in the General Education curriculum.

- The Senate will be asked to delegate the details and design of grade distribution reports to the UGC, in consultation with the Registrar’s Office.

**Winter term Work of UGC**

The Chair presented an overview of work to be undertaken by the Council in the Winter term 2011:
- An examination of General Education redesign; continued exploration of alternative means of engaging students in their General Education;
- A debrief of the presentation of UGC Recommendations on Grade Culture to the University Senate;
- Report from Judith Eisner and Michael Raymer on their Hughes-funded project to revamp science general education.

**Academic Council**

[See: New Partnership - Executive Summary Excerpts from the New Partnership]

The Chair asked the UGC if it had any comments on the President’s New Partnership Proposal that it would like relayed to the Academic Council. The consensus of Council members was that the UGC does have a vested interest in a stable, predictable financial base, and therefore supports this effort. The Council understands the need to assure the State that its students will continue to be well-served and thus appreciates the fact that reasonable academic benchmarks will be part of the New Partnership.

The meeting was adjourned.

**The next UGC meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 24, 2011, 12:30pm in the Collaboration Room of the Knight Library.**