

**Undergraduate Academic Council**  
**Minutes**  
**June 15, 2006**  
**3:30pm**  
**General Academic Conference Room**

**Voting Members Present:** Dr. Jeff Spurlock, Chairman  
Ms. Sheila Bennett, Dr. Thomas Dunn, Dr. Kimberly Martinez, Dr. Judy McCarley, Dr. Cindy McCoy, Dr. Marian Parker, Dr. Sarah Patrick, Dr. Steve Ramroop, Dr. Michael Schraeder, Ms. Donna Schubert, Mr. Chris Shaffer, Dr. Fred Westfall, Dr. Patrice Williams, Dr. Lillian Wise

**Voting Members Absent:** Mr. Randy Bradley, Mr. James Davis, Dr. Joseph Fielding, Dr. Hank Findley, Dr. Becky Jacobson

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Dr. Hal Fulmer, Dr. David Dye representing Dr. Maryjo Cochran, Ms. Tamara Jones, Ms. Kim Jones representing Dr. Angie Roling

**Non-Voting Members Absent:** Dr. Dianne Barron, Dr. Alan Belsches, Mr. Fred Carter, Dr. Terry Dixon, Dr. Earl Ingram, Dr. Donna Jacobs, Dr. Don Jeffrey, Dr. Ken LaBrant, Ms. Vickie Miles, Dr. Curtis Porter, Dr. Robert Pullen, Dr. Bryant Shaw, Mr. Buddy Starling, Dr. Henry Stewart, Dr. David White

**Guests:** Dr. Nathan Alexander, Dr. Amanda Diggs, Dr. David Dye, Ms. Adena Moree

**I. Dr. Jeff Spurlock, Chair of the Undergraduate Academic Council, called the meeting to order and called the roll.**

**II. Approval of Agenda**

By unanimous vote, the agenda was approved.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Sheila Bennett noticed that the Dr. title preceded her name. She asked that the minutes be amended to show Ms. instead of Dr.

By unanimous vote, the minutes of the May 23, 2006 meeting were approved.

**IV. For Consideration by the Council**

**A. College of Arts and Sciences**

**1. Proposal of Crossroads: A Sophomore Interdisciplinary Seminar in Creative Thinking.**

Dr. Nathan Alexander from the History Department presented the proposal to the Council. He said that, initially, the course would be offered solely on the Troy campus. However, the anticipated success of the course would enable administrators to offer the course to the other campuses. Ms. Sheila Bennett asked how will faculty members advise students interested in taking the course and will the course show up on students' transcripts as an honors course. Ms. Donna Schubert responded that administrators are well underway to address these issues. Dr. Alexander also replied that the course would not be offered to students until Fall 2007. Dr. Sarah Patrick voiced concern that she did not think all university deans (in particular, College of Arts and Sciences Dean Dr. Robert Pullen) were aware of the proposal. Dr. Hal Fulmer, Associate Provost, assured Dr. Patrick that Dr. Pullen had seen the proposal.

Ms. Donna Schubert moved the creation of the new university prefix, IDS (for Interdisciplinary Studies) to accommodate Crossroads: A Sophomore Interdisciplinary Seminar in Creative Thinking. By unanimous vote, the Council approved Ms. Schubert's motion.

Ms. Donna Schubert moved the creation of IDS 22xx (Crossroads: A Sophomore Interdisciplinary Seminar in Creative Thinking) as a 3 hour course. By unanimous vote, the Council approved Ms. Schubert's motion.

Ms. Donna Schubert moved the addition of IDS 22xx (Crossroads: A Sophomore Interdisciplinary Seminar in Creative Thinking) to be an elective course in Areas II and IV of the General Studies curriculum. By unanimous vote, the Council approved Ms. Schubert's motion.

**B. College of Communication and Fine Arts**

**1. Proposal of a new course called Creative Drama (DRA 33XX) for 2 hours credit.**

Dr. David Dye from the Speech and Theatre Dept. explained the proposal to the Council.

Ms. Donna Schubert moved to create DRA 33XX (Creative Drama) as a 2 hour course. By unanimous vote, the Council approved Ms. Schubert's motion.

Ms. Donna Schubert moved to add DRA 33XX (Creative Drama) to the **9 hour** elective block for Theatre. By unanimous vote, the Council approved Ms. Schubert's motion.

**V. For Information to the Council**

The Council unanimously voted to next meet on Thursday, September 21, 2006 at 3:30pm.

**VI. Other Business**

By acclamation, the Council elected Dr. Amanda Diggs, Chair of the General Studies Committee, to serve as a Voting Member of the Undergraduate Academic Council.

Dr. Tom Dunn moved for the appointment of Dr. Judy McCarley to the General Studies Committee. By unanimous vote, the Council approved Dr. Dunn's motion.

**VII. By unanimous vote, the Council adjourned.**