

Undergraduate Council Summary Report for April 11 and April 18, 2017

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Summary report of the Undergraduate Council, April 11, 2017

- The Undergraduate Council approved minutes of the meeting of February 28, 2017.
- Committee reports were heard from:
 - Academic Policy** – A proposal regarding catalog text [page 2] for Seniors Eligible for Graduate Credit (Senior Privilege) was approved. There was a minor note regarding Attendance Tracking; concerns regarding the process and mandated requirement were brought up and discussed at the end of the meeting. Ken Baker was elected to serve as Chair of the committee for 2017-2018.
 - Advising** – Information was provided regarding the new Honors programs and name change. Also, support for our students through the Korn Learning, Assessment, and Social Skills Center was emphasized. Reports from standing sub-committees were noted.
 - Curriculum** – The Council voted to approve corrections to curricular proposals previously reviewed and approved at the January 2017 meeting. The new Experience Learning designation for internships (N-designation) was discussed and approved. Beth Avery Foster was elected to serve as Chair of the committee for 2017-2018.
 - General Education** – Two sets of minutes were reviewed and approved. These included 17 new GE courses. Assessment processes were reviewed, revised, and approved. Barbara Murphy was elected to continue to serve as Chair of the committee for 2017-2019.
- Robert Mindrup, Clinical Assistant Professor and Director of the BSSW (Bachelor of Science in Social Work) Program in the College of Social Work was elected as Vice Chair/Chair Elect for 2017-2018.
- The UG Council reviewed and approved the Council and Committee meeting schedule for 2017-2018.

Summary report of the Undergraduate Council, April 18, 2017

- The Undergraduate Council held a special meeting for the sole purpose of reviewing and voting on the new General Education Curricular Framework proposed by the General Education Taskforce. Vice Provost RJ Hinde presented the proposal. To set the context, he began by outlining the history of the current General Education curriculum at UT and explaining the procedure for approving changes.

- The full Taskforce Report is included in the UGC minutes. It contains a detailed description of the new curriculum, new process implications, and information on the Applied Oral Communication courses, Engaged Inquiries electives, and the new graduation requirement, Contemporary Issues and Solutions Integrative Experience.
- Also included are reports from the April 2016 campus-wide Roundtable event and examples of the curriculum tested through existing course offerings in several departments.