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Members present:

Members absent:
Robert Bohm, Elizabeth Clement, Gary Dicer, Katie Gregory, Eric Haley, Robert Hinde, Andrew James, Carol Seavor, and Michael Ware.

Proxies:
Kathy Warden (Robert Leiter) and Richard Heitmann (Mike Mullen).

Julian called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. Reorganization of the Undergraduate Council
Julian stated that a revision of the Faculty Senate by-laws is being considered that will include a reorganization of the graduate and undergraduate councils. The chair of the Council will be chosen from the elected members of the Council at the April meeting of the Council. A list of members eligible for nomination is attached on p. 13476. She invited nominations, including self-nominations, and said they should be sent to Tober.

II. Curricular Materials
A. First Year Studies
Julian presented the revisions for First Year Studies. She stated that the entire course is being recast as a freshman seminar to include greater academic content, a common core syllabus, and be taught by experienced faculty. The initial offering of the new course will be primarily aimed at undecided students and will include advisors. Pinckney commended the changes and urged expansion of the program to include all freshman. Julian responded that this was the hope for future offerings. The Council approved the changes without dissent.

B. College of Communications
Because there was no one representing the College to present the materials or address questions, the Council voted to defer action on the proposals.

C. College of Human Ecology
Skinner presented two new courses from the Department of Nutrition. Council approved the material.

There being no other business, the Council adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Material for Faculty Senate approval appears on pp. 13475-13478.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Tober
Secretary to the Undergraduate Council
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Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources .................................. Bill Park
(replacing Mike Mullen)

Arts and Sciences ................................................................. Robert Hinde
Suzanne Kurth

Business Administration ....................................................... Harold Roth
Gary Dicer

Engineering ............................................................... Chris Cox

Human Ecology ............................................................. Jean Skinner

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Arts and Sciences ............................................................. Angela Batey
David Dobbs
Heather Hirschfeld
Paul Pinckney
Richard Saudargas
Euridice Silva

Business Administration .................................................... Mark Moon
Robert Bohm

Education .............................................................. Terry Stratta

Human Ecology ............................................................. Laura Jolly

Social Work ................................................................. Frank Spicuzza
FIRST YEAR STUDIES

Revise title, description, grading

From:  
101 Approaches to the University (2)  Integration into the academic life of the campus, including the nature and purpose of a college education, career planning, the organization of university disciplines, and assessment of special needs in areas such as time management, study skills, counseling, and financial aid. Satisfactory/No Credit grading only. Meets twice weekly.

To:  
101 First Year Studies (2)  Integration into the academic community, including the nature and purpose of a college education, expectations for academic success, organization of university disciplines, and special emphasis on academic and career planning. Meets twice weekly.

Rationale

Based on reallocation efforts and observations by an outside consultant, the course presently offered for entering students will be changed to an academic freshman seminar. Using a common syllabus, experienced academic faculty will engage students as members of UT’s scholarly community and introduce them to the demands of intellectual inquiry. Providing letter grading for the course will hold students accountable for the consequences of their performances. The course will be principally offered for entering students who have not selected a major, and graduate assistants from the Office of Arts and Sciences Advising Services will be assigned as advisors for sections of the course. Additionally, the course will work closely with the Office of Career Services to help students explore career options.

Effective Date:  Fall 2002
To: Linda Tober and the Undergraduate Council

From: Delores Smith
Assistant Dean of Human Ecology

Re: Addition of Nutrition Courses

The following courses have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate college committees. They are submitted to the Undergraduate Council for review.

DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION

Add:

104 Sports Nutrition for Athletes (1) Nutritional concepts focusing on the optimal training diet; balancing energy with activity; positive fueling before, during, and after sports events; sorting out nutritional supplements.

490 Introduction to the Dietetic Internship (3) Applications of clinical, food service, and management theories to dietetic practice. Restricted to Dietetic Internship students. F

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