

## **UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL**

September 12, 2023 | 3:30pm

UC Council Room

MINUTES

**Present:** J. Finley (C. Sonnentag), L. Henson, M. Larson, B. Markowski, C. Moore, N. Matchett

**Present via Zoom:** V. Guetler, K. Clavir, E. Pepmeyer, M. Welsh

**Guest:** L. Crow

**Absent:** B. Blair, C. Couch, P. Klein, S. Rose, M. Somero

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:35pm.

### **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved without objection.

### **Approval of Minutes 4/11/2023**

The minutes were approved without objection.

**Chair's Report/Announcements (Larson):** Member and guest introductions around the table highlighting recent unit or program accomplishments. This committee oversees undergraduate curriculum review and changes. Our committee work oftentimes will become a proposal to APC or vice versa and APC will request we review a draft. As UGC Chair this year, I am attending Academic Policies Committee and Faculty Senate meetings; micro credentials and badges are on the radar. We will include Matchett's AVPUGS to Reports from Councils on the agenda going forward.

### **Reports from Councils**

LAC (Matchett): First LAC meeting was orientation; organizational work over summer, spreadsheet of all LAC courses, website updates, etc.

Assessment Council (Markowski): Our first meeting was yesterday, we gave updates, Student Affairs reported on cocurricular assessment work done this summer, progress on LAC assessment of student learning and looked at Canvas dashboards. A survey instrument will be going out as we get ready for HLC.

### **Special Reports**

#### **Unfinished Business**

- Identify new co-chair (Welsh retires Spring 2024): Call for self-nominations; co-chair responsibilities include reviewing minutes, assisting with creating agendas, etc. C. Moore self-nominated.
- Need Undergraduate Council volunteer to be the Liberal Arts Council (LAC) representative
  - LAC meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month in CC 2201 with a Zoom option

- Call for self-nominations: none at this time; we will ask again.
- Other rep roles that need to be covered?

### **New Business**

- Commencement Speaker Selection Process/Subcommittee – M. Welsh, C. Moore and B. Markowski will be on this subcommittee. We met with Anna Green (Campus Events) to review previous process and move speaker selection to October for more time to receive candidates.
- UNC Research Day – Planned Changes (Crow): Change the research day; representation from many areas on the research day committee. Students hesitate to participate, some due to highly regarded research excellence awards programs. We have found that once students have participated, their energy becomes ignited surrounding doing this type of work. We have been looking at other kinds of naming done at other institutions; “showcase of artists and scholars” or “festival of artists and scholars.” Rebranding and pushing promotions to dept chairs, change of framework, desire to attract any and all students to participate. Changing the perception and move research awards from showcase or festival day and so everyone presents in a more celebratory way. Comments on showcase vs. festival? Use the word students or not? Allow space for faculty to present or serve as secondary authors. UGC members expressed support for “student showcase of artists and scholars.” Any feelings surrounding moving the research excellence awards programs. There is support for using the word “artist” to encourage PVA students. Support was also expressed for moving the research excellence awards day to the Fall before the National competition.

**Comments to the Good of the Order:** None.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31pm.