

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
Undergraduate Council
Minutes for April 28, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Adriana Uruena-Agnes, Chair (AC), Catherine Belden (NR), Brendan Cook (AC), Allyson Duffy (NR), Alessio Gaspar (EN), Landon Green (CDAP), Marc Lajeunesse (AC), Jocilyn Martinez (AC), Bonita Pollock (LIB), Nasreen Sadeq (BC), Tatsiana Shchurko (AC), Mike Sinclair (BU), Michael Snipes (AC), Erica Toothman (AC)

ABSENT: Candi Ashley (EU), Daniel Marlin (BU), Christine McGuire-Wolfe (PH), Ryan Toomey (EN), Herica Torres Alzate (NR)

GUESTS/EX-OFFICIO: Kyna Betancourt (UGS), R. Oscar Bernard (NR), Marie Bourgeois (PH), Cynthia Brown Hernandez (ODS), Mary Collins (UGS), Colin Forbes (UGS), Rebecca Gibbons (UAA), Lisa Landis (CBCS), Jennifer Lister (CBCS), Diane Mellon (UCE), Ali Mrani Alaoui (UGS), Kelly Pearson (AC)

Meeting Called to Order at 3:00 p.m. (EST).

1. Welcome and Announcements

Council members were welcomed to the final Undergraduate Council meeting for the 24-25 academic year. Currently, there are five faculty vacancies for 25-26: Arts and Sciences (2), Design, Art and Performance (1), Education (1), and Honors College (1). Three openings for undergraduate student members are also available. Students serve one-year terms and are beholden to the same council duties and responsibilities as faculty members. For more information on filling these vacancies, please contact Faculty Senate (fsenate@usf.edu).

2. Approval of April 14, 2025 Undergraduate Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved (no revisions).

3. Informational Items

1. Social Work B.S.W. 2025-2026 Curricular Changes – Mary Collins

Due to accreditation requirements, the Social Work B.S.W. was granted two additional changes to its programming. SOW 4602 - Social Work Practice in Mental Health and Health Care is replacing SOW 3102 - Human Behavior and the Social Environment II for its second semester requirement. The program description will also have a minor edit in swapping the scope of the major from “southwest region” to “nationwide”. The overall credit hours will remain the same.

2. Learning Outcomes and Course Objectives Limit – Adriana Uruena-Agnes

During the February 10, 2025 meeting, Dr Wildman and the Graduate Council support team presented their updated learning outcomes and course objectives limit as a suggestion for potential UGC adoption. The limit would restrict

outcomes and objectives to a maximum of four to five per category. After hearing no strong objection from Undergraduate Council during that time, Dr Uruena-Agnes worked further with council members and fellow faculty members around campus to gauge interest. A new guideline was then presented to council members that matches that which was approved at Graduate Council. The guideline for UGC is presented below.

“The optimal number of course objectives and learning outcomes is four to five each. Objectives should be broad enough to cover a few weeks of content. Learning outcomes should be measurable and directly align with the objectives. Should you need a greater number of objectives/learning outcomes, contact UGS for guidance.”

Adoption of this new guideline will increase the clarity and focus of courses, and teaching flexibility for instructors. Depth of courses will be prioritized over breadth and, for council reviewers, proposals will be more manageable to assess. However, limiting objectives and outcomes could risk oversimplification. Additionally, a challenge could be posed for interdisciplinary courses and programs that have strict accreditation standards. To mitigate this, proposals requiring a greater number of objectives or outcomes for either interdisciplinary or accreditation reasons may have the guideline waived provided the proposer informs UGS and the council reviewer of the accommodation.

The guideline was unanimously approved by council for Fall 2025 implementation.

3. Council Communication Server Switch – Adriana Uruena-Agnes

Come Fall semester, council communication will migrate from email to Microsoft Teams groups. All active members and associates on the UGC distribution list will be added to the new Undergraduate Council team. Email correspondences will gradually shift over to this format.

4. UGC 25-26 Election – Adriana Uruena-Agnes

The ballot for council chair included a single nomination from the current chair, Dr Adriana Uruena-Agnes, and a single nomination for vice chair from Dr Alessio Gaspar. With each seat being run uncontested, council voted unanimously in favor of both positions.

5. UGC Community Hour – Adriana Uruena-Agnes

The Undergraduate Council has reviewed over 400 proposals this semester, totaling those from both 25-26 and 26-27 academic years. In a show of appreciation for another productive semester, a community hour will be held to relax and unwind with fellow council members. Council associates and “plus ones” (fellow faculty or staff members who may not be affiliated with the UGC) are also welcome to attend. The event will take place on **Wednesday, May 7th at 12:00 p.m. at the Marshall Center’s Panera Bread** area. While the meeting will

run from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., attendance for the entire two hours is not required. This is a casual event to mix and mingle, and guests may come and go as they please.

4. Old Business

Course Change Proposals

1. [PHC 4101 - Overview of Public Health Programs and Policies \(eff. 26-27\)](#) (ADRIANA URUENA-AGNES) **APPROVED**

Course Attributes: GCPC, SD03, SD06, SD07, SD10, SD11, SD13, SD17

Meeting Adjourned at 3:27 p.m. (EST).