UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
1200 E. Anderson Lane, Austin, TX

Board Room
Friday, June 11, 2010
10:00 a.m.

Meeting Summary

Note: Presentations and full-committee discussion portions of this meeting were webcast. Breakout working groups convened during the meeting were not webcast. Webcast available at http://www.thecb.state.tx.us .

Present: Lowery-Hart, Arney, Carroll, Day, Reina, Peebles, Hardin, Waggoner, Coleman, DeFranco, Eglsaer, Hopper, Hoggard, King, O'Neal, Redden, Ritchie, Schonberg, Williamson, Smith, Swain

Absent: Aguero, Ekal, Garrett

Guests: David Roach, Valerie Paton, Pam Matthews, Neal Armstrong, Larry Abraham, Loraine Phillips, Danita McAnally, Jesse Rogers

THECB Staff: MacGregor Stephenson, Kevin Lemoine, Anya Sebastien, Lucy Bloor, Catherine Parsoneault, Gabriela Borcoman

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Russell Lowery-Hart. Dr. Lowery-Hart introduced Mr. Krystafer Redden (University of Houston), who has been appointed to serve a two-year term as the non-voting student representative to the UEAC. Mr. Redden responded with brief remarks.

Dr. Lowery-Hart announced that he has changed positions, moving from West Texas A&M University to Amarillo College. This change will necessitate Dr. Lowery-Hart stepping down from the co-chair position that he has filled as a university affiliated member of the committee. A new university affiliated co-chair or interim co-chair will be elected at the early fall committee meeting.

The Meeting Summary for the April 16, 2010 Meeting was approved as submitted. The committee discussed and agreed upon a briefer meeting summary format, especially omitting the names of discussants.

Dr. Lowery-Hart opened discussion regarding revisions to the core curriculum by reviewing what the committee has already agreed upon. Dr. Peebles outlined the strategy for the current meeting agenda. The committee agreed to move Agenda Item IIb, a completion of the previous meeting's knowledge-based component area descriptions/objectives forward in the agenda. After considerable full committee discussion, the committee divided into four groups (configured as they had been during the April meeting) to review the work of the other three groups. The committee also agreed to consider Item III at the same time as Item II, in order to expedite any vote that might occur.

The full committee reconvened after 75 minutes, at 11:43. Discussion continued until 12:10, when the committee broke for lunch.

The committee was reconvened at 12:40 pm.

After further discussion of the component area descriptions, it was agreed that the four group leaders would send THECB staff their suggested revisions and comments, for consideration in August by the

designated small group when it met again. The resulting refined component area descriptions will be brought back to the full committee in September.

Agenda item IIa brought about a consideration of the number of semester credit hours that should be devoted to each component area. The committee reviewed several changes that they had already voted to recommend, including separate component areas for Humanities and Visual & Performing Arts, and separate component areas for US History, US Government/Political Science, and Social & Behavioral Science. The title for Natural Science had been changed to Life & Physical Sciences. Communication and Mathematics remained the same. Having reviewed these component area changes, the committee, after substantial discussion, voted to keep the same distribution of semester credit hours as that reflected in the previous (current) core curriculum.

Due to the length of the discussion, Item II-C: Consideration of Institutionally-designated Options Revision was tabled for discussion at the early fall meeting.

Interim Assignment: A small group (Lowery-Hart, Peebles, De Franco, Reina, Williamson, Carroll, McAnally, and Philips) will meet in August to develop an agenda and recommendations for the next full committee meeting, with the goal of providing a framework for discussion and a vote on recommendations at the early fall meeting of the committee.

The next meeting will take place in September. The group tentatively agreed on September 17, but CB staff will poll the group once calendars are checked.

Meeting adjourned at 3:26 pm.