

Undergraduate Council Charges for 2007 -2008

In addition to the work specified in the USC's Council Role Statement and the work of the USC's Standing Committee, the Executive Board charges the USC to consider, as a committee of the whole or through the appropriate subcommittee or task force, the following issues:

1. Review and make recommendations regarding curricular review policies and processes.
2. Joint charges with Graduate Studies Council:
 - Review previous plans for Academic Program Planning (APP) and work with the Provost's office to determine a schedule and procedure for regular departmental review processes.
 - Examine on-line courses being scheduled through Academic Technology and Instructional Services (ATIS) and explore recent developments in Extended University Programs (EUP) relating to contact hours, program delivery, and other relevant issues.
 - Along with the IEC and the Study Abroad office, explore and make recommendations regarding transfer credits.
3. Collaborate with the Provost's Office to facilitate implementation of the Western Edge. This includes:
 - Examine and make recommendations regarding the role of student advising in student recruitment, retention, and timely progress. Address recommendations of the Report of the Ad Hoc Task Force on Undergraduate Advising produced June 28, 2007.
 - Examine and make recommendations on maximum number of credits for which a student is allowed to register.
 - Explore and make recommendations regarding implementing an open learning options for students.
 - Provide a forum for discussion and recommendations regarding implementation of the Western Edge.
4. Oversee the General Education Program and Assessment Committee (GEPAC) as an ad hoc committee of USC to work with the Committee to Oversee General Education (COGE). USC should coordinate and communicate the activities of these two committees.
5. Work with COGE to monitor and make recommendations regarding General Education requirements.
6. Assess performance and effectiveness of the First-Year Experience. Reassess whether student participation in this program warrants earning two credit hours.

NOTE: The Undergraduate Studies Council is free to determine the specifics of how to address these charges and other tasks it wishes to engage in during 2007 - 2008. The USC is requested to keep the Executive Board apprised of progress, especially in connection with any memorandum of action (MOA) which it may develop, and to give ample notice of intent to bring action or reports to the full Faculty Senate. Also, at the end of 2007-08, the USC is asked to provide the Executive Board with a summary of its progress on the above charges and suggest charges for the following year.