

5 November 2009

TO: Undergraduate Studies Council Members
Ariel Anderson Keith Hearit Dianna Sachs
Raja Aravamuthan Dasha Nisula Alexander Smith
Kent Baldner Doris Ravotas Vince Torano
David Cowan David Reinhold (for Provost Tim Greene) Geoff Whitehurst

GUEST: Barbara McKinney, Registrar
FROM: Bruce Ferrin, Chair
RE: Meeting Notice and Proposed Agenda

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL
Tuesday, 10 November 2009, 3 to 5 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

PROPOSED AGENDA

Procedural Items

1. Acceptance of the agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of 13 October
3. Chair's remarks

Action Item

1. Vote to approve 2009-10 USC activities
 1. Clarify USC function #6 with function of Campus Planning and Finance Council
 2. Continuation of charge #4 from AY 2008-09 focusing on expansion of mid-term grading and the Attendance Initiative
 3. Discuss the role of the faculty in the WMU strategic plan
 4. Committee to Oversee General Education report on assessment of general education and the baccalaureate writing requirement
 5. Review dismissal policy (at provost's request).

Information/Discussion Items

1. Report on Attendance Initiative – Registrar Barbara McKinney
2. Report from Western Student Association regarding student perspective on Attendance Initiative – Jeremy Wu
3. Update on assessment of general education – David Reinhold
4. Extension of guest student policy to include students in the Career English Language Center for International Students (CELCIS)
5. Discussion of WMU Mission Statement included in the draft Academic Affairs Strategic Plan

Other

Adjournment

Elected council members who cannot attend a meeting of the Undergraduate Studies Council are asked to send a substitute of their choice who also represents their respective college. Non-elected members are not restricted as to whom they may designate to substitute for them.

c J. Bartholomew (Academic Advising Liaison), B. Dennis, S. Dwan,
B. McKinney, S. Miller, R. Ott, R. Solomon, T. Woolfork-Barnes