AGENDA

1. Minutes from March 6, 2014 meeting
2. Consideration of a proposal for a new minor in Music Technology
3. General Education Recommendation discussion

Minutes:
The Council was asked for any emendments to the minutes of the meeting from March 6, 2014. None were presented.

The motion was made, moved, and seconded to accept the minutes from the Undergraduate Council meeting of March 6, 2014.

The motion passed unanimously.

Proposal for a new minor in Music Technology from the School of Music and Dance:
The Chair introduced Phyllis Paul, Associate Professor in SOMD and Jeff Stolet, Professor of Music and Acting Dean in SOMD. They presented the proposal for a new minor in Music Technology in the School of Music and Dance. Various points of the proposal were questioned by the Council with the presenters. Then the Council went into closed discussion of the proposal.

The motion was made, moved, and seconded that the proposal from the School of Music and Dance to institute a new minor in Music Technology with the strong recommendation that the P/NP grading in courses for the minor needs to be clarified.
The motion passed unanimously.

General Education Recommendation Discussion:
The Council engaged in lengthy discussion of the issue of General Education. UGC members reached the following consensus: The UGC is charged by the Senate to oversee General Education curriculum. The UGC is empowered to ask the Provost to call a Task Force to examine the issue.
Discussion included examining what the recommended scope of the Task Force should be:

- What should UG students be experiencing?
- What are the learning outcomes of an educational experience?
- Alongside the outcomes, what does the UO provide?
- First define outcomes, then distinguish the UO experience (“branding”)
- Learning outcomes become articulated and generic
- Can we develop learning outcomes that can “get at” the distinction of an UO education?
- the work of the Task Force will be helpful with accreditation and the re-envisioning of the UO mission statement
- Assessment is an important piece – there should be data-driven information
- Examining General Education provides an opportunity to think about education “outside the box”

Further discussion was tabled for a later date.

The next UGC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 12:00 noon in the Collaboration Room of the Knight Library.