1. Call for Nominations for the 2014-2015 UGC Chair

3. Discussion of Request from AAA to Revise the UO Concurrent Degree Policy (12:45-1:30)

Minutes:
Review of minutes from the meetings of April 1, April 15, and April 22 was suspended due to technical glitches. All minutes will be reviewed and voted on at the last meeting of the term on May 27, 2014.

The Vice Provost also called for nominations for Chair for the Undergraduate Council for the next Academic Year. The election for Chair will be held at the last UGC meeting on May 27.

General Education discussion – conclusion:
The previous discussion on General Education at the April 1 UGC meeting was summarized:
1) The UGC has the charge to request the Provost to form a Task Force to examine the General Education curriculum at UO;
2) The scope of the Task Force’s examination should be broader than just General Education, but should include an examination of the undergraduate educational experience; the examination should be data-driven.

The motion was made, moved, and seconded that the UGC Chair will compose a memorandum to the Provost requesting the formation of a Task Force to examine General Education and the undergraduate educational experience at UO. The motion passed unanimously.

Request from AAA to revise concurrent degree policy at UO:
The Chair introduced Brook Muller, Dean of Academic Affairs for AAA and Laura Vanderburgh, Head of the Art Department, AAA, to present their proposal requesting a revision to the concurrent degree policy at UO. They pleaded that many students in the AAA would benefit from earning multiple degrees within AAA that would complement each other, but would share very little overlap in courses required for the respective majors. There is also the situation with BFA candidates who are often forced to forego a 2nd BA degree which would require an additional 36 hrs coursework in the second major (even though the requirements for the BA were already met) in addition to the 5th year required to complete the BFA (primarily in studio work). This would necessitate 6 years of coursework for the student.
The Registrar explained that the rule currently in effect states that con-current degrees within one department or one school are prohibited. Double-majors, on the other hand, are permitted within a school or across schools as long as they share a degree in common, i.e. a BA in common or a BS in common. However, a student cannot double-major in one subject that follows under a BS (like Chemistry) and in another subject that falls under a BA (like Philosophy). The general rule is that: “Faculty of A College awards A degree to A student.”

Unfortunately, the BFA and the BA are two different degrees and thus require the additional 36 hours for the second degree to be added.

The Council decided that this question was too complex to be resolved at this time. The decision was made to table this issue. The question of con-current degrees will be raised to the Associate Deans’ Council for their input on the matter. Their response will be reported back to the Undergraduate Council.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Undergraduate Council is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, at 12:00 noon in Room 122, the Collaboration Room of the Knight Library.