Minutes:
The Chair opened the meeting by announcing that a large part of the time would be spent trying to tie up loose ends from unresolved issues dealt with during the preceding year. Minutes for the meetings of April 1, 2014; April 15, 2014; April 22, 2014; and May 13, 2014 had yet to be voted on for acceptance by the Council. The Chair asked if there were any emendments or changes to be made in the minutes that were distributed. There were none.

The motion was made, moved, and seconded to accept the minutes of the meetings of April 1, 2014; April 15, 2014; April 22, 2014; and May 13, 2014 as presented to the Council.

The motion to accept the minutes into the record passed unanimously.

Election of Undergraduate Council Chair for 2014-2015:
The Chair noted that only one member had been nominated to serve as the new Chair of the Council for 2014-2015. Ron Bramhall was unanimously elected to serve as the new Chair of the Council.

Concurrent Degree:
The Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies reported to the Council that the Associate Deans’ Council had been consulted re. the issue of the concurrent degree policy. Only one school indicated it would opt out of a policy allowing concurrent degrees. Council discussed the Associate Deans’ input. The Council agreed that the new Chair and the VPUGS will study the issue and bring a proposed motion (for a policy on con-current degrees) to the Council in the Fall. The Council will also study the overlap (of courses)
issue in the Fall. There will be continuing consultation with the Associate Deans’ Council, the Undergraduate Council, and perhaps the Graduate Council.

Proposal for instituting co-curricular 399 Peer training courses:

The VPUGS introduced this item on the agenda, explaining that it is a continuation of discussion that began in November 2013. Kevin Hatfield, Assistant Director for Residence Life in University Housing, introduced two course proposals: 399 Residential Academic Peer Mentoring course and 399 Residential Peer Educator Course.

Discussion:
The challenges of these proposed courses (and other 199 and 399 courses across campus) are co-curricular issues:
Issue 1: what guidelines can the UGC give for co-curricular parameters in the design of these courses?
Issue 2: what is the process for approving these courses when they come from non-academic departments?

The point was made that this Fall, 4000 students will be participating in some style of residential academic engagement through the Faculty Fellow program the Residential FIGs, and the Residential Life Directors’ initiatives and programs. Housing will pay the fee for student peers who are enrolled in the Peer Mentoring and Peer Educator courses.

Council raised several questions about the proposed courses:
- there are concerns about learning space and [academic] integrity in the courses; links to recognizable academic context must be clear.
- what would be the prefix for these courses – perhaps UST for “University Studies” and under the purview of Undergraduate Studies; UST courses would appear uniquely on the transcript;
- should these courses be open to all students? These could be broad experiential courses for all peer leaders.

The VPUGS will work with Housing to find an academic “home” for these temporary 399 courses.

The next UGC meeting is scheduled for Fall, 2014.