

## **Undergraduate Council Meeting Oct 2, 2014**

3-4 pm, A&S Conference Room

### **Attendance:**

*Members:* Sarah Fuller, Norman Goodman, Ellen Hopkins, Robert Kukta, Tyril Jiang, Hanna Neksasil, Alan Tucker

*Guests:* Jennifer Dellaposta, Arlene Feldman, Rick Gatteau, Michael Mooney

1. The short minutes of the Sept 18, 2014 meeting (where only 3 committee members were present) were approved.
2. It was decided that future meetings of the Undergraduate Council would be held in the Senate Conference Room, where Xeroxing and secretarial assistance are available (and the walk for SBMedicine members would be shorter). Later in the meeting it was also agreed that future Council meetings would be at 4 pm on the Mondays when the Univ. Senate and A&S Senate are not meeting. *NOTE: Subsequent email discussion led to the next meeting being scheduled on Thursday Oct. 16th at 3 pm.*
3. An Accelerated College Education (ACE) proposal for Mechanical Engineering's MEC 100 course to be offered at Oyster Bay high school was discussed. Kukta from Mech Eng. presented the background of the proposal. Goodman pointed out that the proposal was lacking the form for ACE proposals detailing the oversight of the high school instruction by a Stony Brook faculty member. Tucker will get the form and give it to Kukta to be filled out.
4. Tucker cited the list of ten items of "Anticipated Business for 2014/2015" in the Council's Summary of Business in 2013-2014. He said he wanted to form subcommittees to investigate thoroughly some of these items and bring recommendations to the full Council, following the practice established by Goodman for CAPRA. The Council supported this strategy. The Council was about to discuss which items to investigate first when Charles Robbins arrived. Tucker will start an email discussion about the choice of topics.
5. Associate Provost Charles Robbins joined the committee and presented a planned action by the Academic Success working group (headed by Robbins and Rick Gatteau). As one component of its efforts to speed the time-to-graduation for SB students, they propose that students who have fulfilled all their requirements for graduation would be registered for graduation automatically. This would replace the current situation where students initiate the application for graduation, but otherwise can hang around as long as they want. He mentioned that there would be various safeguards to make sure that students with a legitimate purpose to remain in school, such as a second major or minor that had not yet been declared, would not be forced to graduate. Committee members commented on various concerns as well as the need for this action. Overall, the committee strongly supported the move. Robbins said that it would hopefully be put in place next fall.

Submitted by Alan Tucker