The Undergraduate Assembly met in special session on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. in the 103 Pickard Hall. Vice Provost, Pranesh Aswath presided.

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Meeting called to order at 2:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the regular meeting on November 8, 2016 were approved as published.

Welcome remarks
Dr. Aswath discussed the reason for the special session – to expedite approval of the core courses the university is submitting to THECB for approval.

Core course approvals
Dr. Sergio Espinosa discussed the formation and charge of the core committee. The committee was composed of 3 members from COLA, 3 members from COS, and 1 member from every other college/school. Members were elected by faculty in each college/school. Submissions were received from each unit and the committee met 3 times to determine which submissions would be presented to the UA for approval. During the first meeting, the committee developed a strategy to review submissions, developed a rubric from the guidelines from the University. Committee members reviewed each request independently and then compared reviews and discussed the decisions over the next two meetings. All but 2 courses were approved to move forward.

The Assembly discussed each course and the reasons it was approved or denied. Discussion centered on the rationale behind the Core Committee’s rejection of SOCW 2325 and the approval of HIST 2377. Concerns about the specificity of the content in HIST 2377 were raised.

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The Assembly discussed the future of the Core Committee and raised questions about the nature of the committee (standing or elected), the membership of the committee (Assembly membership required or not), length of service terms for committee members, and the relationship between the Core Committee, the University Curriculum Committee, and the Undergraduate Assembly. The issue will be revisited at a future Assembly meeting.

Meeting adjourned 3:23 pm