

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
 March 29, 2002

Academic Council met on Friday March 29, 2002 at 2:00 pm in 308 Tillman Hall.

Members:

Julian Smith, Chair	<i>Biology</i>	Marguerite Quintelli-Neary	<i>English</i>
Wanda DeLeo	<i>Business</i>	Susan Silverman	<i>Library</i>
Ray Dockery	<i>Education</i>	Seymour Simmons	<i>Art & Design</i>
Gloria Jones	<i>English</i>	Gale Teaster	<i>Library</i>
Karen Kedrowski	<i>Political Science</i>	William Thacker	<i>Computer Science</i>
Katherine Kinsey*	<i>Music</i>	Virginia Williams*	<i>History</i>
Heakyung Lee	<i>Mathematics</i>	Sandra Wilson	<i>Health & PE</i>
David Letourneau*	<i>Finance</i>	Christine Needham*	<i>SGA</i>
Paul Martyka	<i>Art & Design</i>	Tim Druke	<i>Secretary</i>
Jonathan Marx	<i>Sociology</i>	* Absent	

Guests Present: Debra Boyd, Alice Burmeister, Steveda Chepko, Houston Craighead, Mel Goldstein, Patricia Graham, Ron Green, Mark Herring, Jim Johnston, Karen Jones, Bud Katter, Mickey Kennedy, Jo Koster, Kathy Lyon, Tom Moore, Marilyn Sarow, Jennifer Solomon, Andrew Svedlow, Jerry Walden, Roger Weikle, Margaret Williamson, Melford Wilson, Jeannie Woods.

This special meeting of the Academic Council was called to review and vote on a General Education proposal.

Will Thacker moved (on behalf of the General Education Committee) that Academic Council approve the proposed structure as described in the General Education Proposal dated March 29, 2002, revised. In addition, upon approval of the motion, ten committees will be constituted prior to the end of the academic year. These committees will include representatives from all colleges. The committees will report their recommendations to the General Education Task Force by September 1, 2002. The committees will identify options to fulfill the areas/requirements in the proposed plan. The General Education Task Force will take the completed plan to the Academic Council meeting that precedes the second Faculty Conference meeting in the fall. The motion, having been presented by a standing committee of the Council, did not require a second.

Karen Kedrowski moved to amend the motion by substituting the alternative General Education proposal developed by the College of Arts and Sciences department chairs. Gloria Jones seconded the motion. During discussion, Gloria Jones moved to strike footnote 1 from the Chairs' proposal. Susan Silverman seconded the motion to amend. The amendment was approved by voice vote.

Discussion continued on the Arts and Sciences Chairs proposal, then continued on the differences between the two proposals. Ultimately everyone agreed the difference was

the treatment of the Constitution Requirement as a part of the Social Science requirement (GETF) or as a stand-alone requirement (Chairs). Paul Martyka moved, Seymour Simmons seconded, to table the amendment to substitute the Chairs proposal. The motion to table passed by voice vote, with dissent.

Discussion returned to the original motion as presented by Will Thacker on behalf of the General Education Committee. During discussion, Karen Kedrowski moved, Gale Teaster seconded, to amend the General Education Task Force's proposal by adding a footnote to the "Developing Critical Skills and Applying them to Disciplines" category that reads: "A writing component will be included in all these courses." The amendment passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion continued on the entire General Education Task Force proposal. Will Thacker moved, Julian Smith seconded, to amend the first item under Membership in the Appendix – Committees for Competencies and Areas (page 32), to the following:

-Gen Ed Committee creates a list of candidates for each committee and gives list to the Academic Council for approval and/or modification, which then forwards the list to the Vice President for Academic Affairs;

The amendment passed.

Discussion continued. During discussion, Jonathan Marx moved, Julian Smith seconded, to amend the proposal to include the Constitution Requirement as a separate 3-hour requirement. The vote was taken by a show of hands, 7 for, 7 against, the amendment failed.

Discussion continued. Jonathan Marx moved, Susan Silverman seconded, to amend the proposal by adding the Critical Issues Symposium class as a requirement in the General Education program. The vote was taken by a show of hands, 4 for, 10 against, the amendment failed.

There was no further discussion on the motion to approve the General Education Task force's proposal. The Council proceeded to vote on the following motion: that Academic Council approve the proposed structure as described in the General Education Proposal dated March 29, 2002, revised (and as amended in this meeting). In addition, upon approval of the motion, ten committees will be constituted prior to the end of the academic year. These committees will include representatives from all colleges. The committees will report their recommendations to the General Education Task Force by September 1, 2002. The committees will identify options to fulfill the areas/requirements in the proposed plan. The General Education Task Force will take the completed plan to the Academic Council meeting that precedes the second Faculty Conference meeting in the fall. The vote was taken by a show of hands, 9 for, 5 against, the motion passed. The proposal is now forwarded to Faculty Conference for their consideration.

Jim Johnston announced Faculty Conference will hold a special meeting on April 12, 2002 at 3:30 pm in Kinard Auditorium to discuss the General Education Proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

The next meeting of the Academic Council will be 2:00 pm, Friday, April 5, in 302 Tillman.