

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
March 5, 2004

Academic Council met on Friday March 5, 2004 at 12:00 pm in 308 Tillman Hall.

Members:

Jo Koster, Chair	English
Pat Ballard	Library
John Bird	English
Shaun Cassidy	Art & Design
Ray Dockery	Education
Barbara Fuller #	Business
Barbara Heinemann	Modern Languages
Gloria Jones	English
Peter Judge	Religion
David Letourneau	Finance
Paul Martyka	Art & Design

Sue Peck	Education
David Pretty	History
Frank Pullano#	Mathematics
Mesgun Sebhatu	Physics
William Seyfried*	Economics
Sandra Wilson	Education
Jennifer Moss*	Student
Timothy Drucke	Records/Regis.

* Absent

Kent Foster represented Barbara Fuller from the College of Business and Ron Goolsby represented Frank Pullano from the Department of Mathematics

Guests present: Mark Herring, Brien Lewis and Kathy Lyon

The meeting was called to order at 12:11 p.m. by Chair Koster.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the February 6, 2004 meeting were approved by e-mail and are posted on the Academic Affairs web site.

II. Chair's Remarks

Chair Koster thanked the College of Visual and Performing Arts for the time spent on reworking its programs. These programs are scheduled to be reviewed by CUI at its meeting on March 9. The next meeting of the Academic Council will be March 26 in the 2nd floor classroom in Dacus Library. The only agenda item will be the CUI report.

III. Vice President of Academic Affairs' remarks

Vice President Moore was not in attendance and will give a report at the Faculty Conference meeting later today.

IV Committee Reports

A. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

Dave Letourneau presented the three items from CUI that required Council action. The first two items were from the College of Business:

Department of Accounting Finance and Economics

MODIFY BSBA, Economics Option by adding ECON 343, Environmental Economics, an existing course, to the courses a student may take to complete the requirements of the option. Student pursuing the BA in Economics are already offered that choice. This modification corrects an earlier oversight. The modified BSBA Economics Option will now list three required courses (unchanged), and the statement “**Any three other ECON courses above 299**”, of which ECON 343 is one of the possible selections.

Department of Computer Science:

MODIFY B.S. in Computer Science. The program is modified in the Natural Sciences area to satisfy the new General Education requirements. Currently, students are only allowed to take courses in the physical area. The revision will require the students to take one course from each of at least two of the three science areas – physical (which includes PHYS & CHEM), biology & earth sciences.

Both items were approved.

The third item was changes to the requirements for the Honors Program Degree. The proposed change would add the completion of ACAD101H and adjust the service learning requirement from 3 hours to 0-3 hours. The service learning requirement change is requested to accommodate those students (such as Close Scholars) who are already completing non-credit hour service projects as a part of their scholarship. A concern was expressed that the two items should be voted on separately. It was moved and seconded to separate the two items. The motion to separate was approved unanimously. The first item – the service learning requirement adjustment to 0-3 hours - was approved without dissent.

The Council then addressed the ACAD101H requirement. Concern was expressed on the differences in content and the appropriateness of having honors classes for ACAD101. Questions regarding transfer students, students who decide after their first semester to become honors program students, and students who qualify to take honors classes but not complete the requirements for the program, were asked. After this discussion, Kathy Lyon, Director of the Honors Program, requested withdrawal of the proposed addition of

ACAD101H as a requirement for the Honors Program. CUI then withdrew the proposed change.

The following items were approved by CUI – No Academic Council action was required.

College of Arts and Sciences

African American Studies Committee

Modify African American Studies minor to add PLSC 317 (3) African American Politics to the list of elective courses for minor in African American Studies.

Modify African American Studies minor to add GEOG 303 (3), Geography of Africa to the list of elective courses for minor in African American Studies.

Department of Chemistry, Physics and Geology

Add GEOL 113 (1) Physical Geology Laboratory (change title).

Drop GEOL 113 (1), Introductory Geology Laboratory (due to title change).

Add GEOL 201 (4) Natural Disasters (new course).

Add GEOL 305 (3), Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (new course).

Add GEOL 360 (3), History of Life (new course).

Drop GEOL 101 (3), Earth's Dynamic Surface (drop course).

Drop GEOL 102 (3), The Violent Earth (drop course).

Modify Geology minor **from** “The minor in geology consists of 18 semester hours in GEOL, excluding GEOL 120 and including at least 6 hours in courses numbered above 299” **to** “The minor in geology consists of 18 semester hours in GEOL to include GEOL 110, GEOL 113, and at least 6 hours in courses numbered above 299”.

Department of English

Change WRIT 500 (3), The Theory and Practice of Tutoring Writers, from prerequisite: “At least one intensive writing course beyond WRIT 102 and permission of instructor or graduate standing” to “Completion of CRTW 201 or permission of department chair or graduate standing” (prerequisite change).

Department of Political Science

Add PLSC 317 (3), African American Politics (new course).

Social Sciences Minor

Modify Social Sciences minor to drop ECON 216 and add ECON 215 in the elective sequence of social science methodology courses for a minor in Social Sciences.

College of Business Administration

Department of Accounting Finance and Economics

CHANGE FINC-312, Intermediate Corp. Fin. Mgmt - prerequisite
Current Prerequisite: FINC-311, Principles of Finance
Proposed Prerequisite: A “C” or better in FINC-311, Principles of Finance.

CHANGE FINC-498, Advanced Corporate Financial Management - prerequisite:
Current Prerequisite: FINC-312, and one of the following: FINC-512, FINC-513, or FINC-514.
Proposed Prerequisite: A “C” or better in FINC-312, Intermediate Corporate Financial Management.

CHANGE FINC-512, Financial Investment Management.- prerequisite
Current Prerequisite: Grade of “C” or better in FINC-311
Proposed Prerequisite: A “C” or better in FINC-312, Intermediate Corporate Financial Management, or in FINC-655.

CHANGE FINC-513, Banking & Financial Services Management.- prerequisite
Current Prerequisite: Grade of “C” or better in FINC-311
Proposed Prerequisite: A “C” or better in FINC-312, Intermediate Corporate Financial Management, or in FINC-655.

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Honors Program

Add HONR451H (1) Honors Thesis Symposium

B. General Education

Sue Peck reported for the General Education Committee. The General Education committee approved the removal of 8 Sociology courses from the Social Science

component. The courses removed were: SOCL 301, 310, 313, 320, 506, 518, 520, and 522.

The General Education Committee also clarified the writing component course total with the following statement:

1) The General Education Committee re-affirmed the writing component course required in the General Education Program (approved by Academic Council 1/31/03) as those being in categories:

Skills For a Common Experience and Thinking Across Disciplines (9 credits)

And

Developing Critical Skills and Applying them to Disciplines (22-28 credits).

These two general education categories had either footnote # 5 or # 8, which read:
A writing component would be included in all of these courses.

These categories include GNED 102 as well as the intensive writing course and the constitution requirement. The only exception made to the writing component requirement is delineated in footnote # 11 concerning applied arts designators. This exception applies to courses, not students. All Winthrop students will have to successfully complete eight courses with a writing component from the two categories listed above.

The Committee looked at the current list of approved general education courses and reported that they were concerned that (a) there may not be enough courses in some categories and (b) some departments have submitted very few courses (specifically, the **Natural Sciences** category and Psychology Department).

V. Old Business

Ray Dockery presented the latest version of the Merit Pay recommendations document. He thanked those who made comments on the previous versions and indicated that if this were approved it would be sent to Faculty Conference for presentation to the Vice President's office for possible inclusion as part of the existing merit pay policy. The changes from the previous version were addressed. It was then moved and seconded to approve the document and forward it to Faculty Conference for approval. A friendly amendment was made to adjust the wording in the third paragraph changing "not disagree" to "agree". A question was raised on the possibility of raises above 4%. It was moved and seconded to add an additional line to the bottom of the fund percentage scale for any raise of greater than 4%, 2.5% would go toward base with the remainder going toward merit. The amendment was approved. It was asked how this would be used if the state mandated across the board raises. The consensus of the Council was that the state restrictions on the raises would have to be followed. The motion to approve the document as amended was approved. Chair Koster thanked Ray Dockery, Paul Martyka and the others who assisted in the review of this document.

VI. New Business

Pat Ballard reported on the Future of the Dacus Library report. She indicated the Library was seeking additional feedback and wanted to ask the Council to create an ad hoc committee to review the report. It was moved and seconded to create an ad hoc committee to compile faculty response to the document. The motion was approved. Chair Koster asked Dave Pretty to chair the committee and to recruit others to assist. Peter Judge volunteered to serve on the committee.

Paul Martyka asked whom to question about the appropriateness of offering ACAD101. Brien Lewis recommended the ACAD committee and Director of ACAD, as well as the Honors Committee. It was moved and seconded to ask these groups to discuss the appropriateness of honors sections of ACAD101. The motion was approved.

VII. Announcements

Chair Koster thanked Karen Jones and the Academic Affairs office for providing lunch for the Council.

Tim Drueke reminded the Council that Advising for Fall 2004 will begin on March 24, with registration for both summer and fall starting on April 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Timothy A. Drueke
Secretary

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