

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
 October 3, 2003

Academic Council met on Friday October 3, 2003 at 2:00 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

‡Mel Horton represented Sandra Wilson from the College of Education.

Guests present: Alice Burmeister, Jennifer Disney, Mark Herring, Karen Kedrowski, Brien Lewis, Mike Lipscomb, Bethany Marlowe, Tom Moore, and Marilyn Smith. Also present were Josh Parks and Chris Rice from the Council of Student Leaders.

I. Minutes from the Previous Meeting.

The minutes from the September 5, 2003 meeting were approved via e-mail on September 23, 2003.

II. Chair's Remarks

Chair Koster acknowledged the General Education committee and thanked them for the great job they have done with the huge task of reviewing the courses for inclusion in the new general education program. She also reminded members to review and respond to the minutes promptly since they must be approved before the Faculty Conference meeting on October 10.

III. Vice President of Academic Affairs Remarks

Vice President Moore echoed Dr. Koster's remarks and encouraged the General Education committee to keep up the good work.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

Tim Druke, secretary of CUI, reported that CUI met on September 16, 2003 and had only one item that needed Council action: the creation of the Minor in Environmental Studies. This minor consists of 18 hours: ENVS 101 and 15 hrs from ANTH540, CHEM101 or 117, ECON343, ENVS510, GEOG500, HIST530, PHIL340, PHYS105, PLSC325, and SOCL310. After a short discussion on the particulars of the minor, a motion to approve the creation of the Minor in Environmental Studies was passed. The other items discussed and actions taken by the Committee are listed here:

Items approved by CUI – No Academic Council action required

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Add ANTH220 (3), Introduction to Archaeology

Add ANTH322 (3), Ancient Civilizations of the Americas

Modify Minor in Anthropology to “The minor in Anthropology consists of 18 semester hours to include ANTH201, 202 and 12 additional hours in anthropology, at least 6 of which must be above 299.”

Richard W. Riley College of Education

Center for Pedagogy

Add EDUC210E, (0) Nature and Nurturing of Learners I Practicum – Elementary

Add EDUC210M, (0) Nature and Nurturing of Learners I Practicum – Middle

Add EDUC210S, (0) Nature and Nurturing of Learners I Practicum – Secondary

Add EDUC250E, (0) Nature and Nurturing of Learners II Practicum- Elementary

Add EDUC250M, (0) Nature and Nurturing of Learners II Practicum – Middle

Add EDUC250S, (0) Nature and Nurturing of Learners II Practicum – Secondary

The following items were sent back to the department for more information and/or clarification.

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Add ANTH345 (3:2-2), Field Work in Archaeology

Add SOCL330 (3), Sociology of Deviant Behavior

Add SOCL525 (3), Sociology of Law

The following item will be held until the returned items listed above are returned.

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Modify Major in Sociology to SOCL101 or 201, 227, 316, 325, 498, 502 and 516 (21 hours), Six hours of SOCL from among SOCL 330, 335, 337, and 525 (6 hours), Six additional hours of SOCL other than the courses listed above or SOCL 340, 450, or 463 (6), PLSC 310 (3)

B. General Education

Sue Peck reported that the General Education Committee met on September 11 and 16, 2003 and approved the courses listed on the document distributed to the members via e-mail. Discussion started with Peter Judge raising the department of Philosophy and Religion's objection to the inclusion of 5 courses from the department of Political Science for the Arts and Humanities requirement. Significant discussion continued on the General Education committee's review of the courses, the basis of the department of Political Science's reasoning for presenting the courses as fitting the Humanities requirement, the scope of the Arts and Humanities requirement, the history of the courses in question, and the intent of the General Education program to not be strictly denoted by department designator. Chair Koster reminded the council that a motion to divide would be in order. No such motion was presented and the motion to approve the courses as submitted by the General Education Committee was passed via voice vote, without dissent.

Vice President Moore asked if a rule limiting the use of courses from the student's major department toward general education requirements should be considered. After brief discussion, the General Education committee agreed to discuss the concept at its next meeting.

Dr. Peck mentioned that the committee would also be acting on a request from the Department of Management and Marketing to remove two courses previously approved for the Oral Intensive requirement. The Council felt it would be more expedient to act on the request immediately. It was then moved and seconded to remove BADM180 and MGMT321 from the list of courses meeting the Oral Intensive requirement. The motion was approved via voice vote, without dissent.

V. Old Business

Academic Eligibility Requirements

Chair Koster reported that Karen Jones will be forwarding information to the Council in time for review and discussion before the next meeting.

VI. New Business

Task Force on University Integrity

Chair Koster reported that there are several groups on campus dealing with issues of academic integrity, plagiarism, cheating and other forms of dishonesty. The Faculty Concerns Committee discussed this last year, the Council of Student Leaders is addressing it currently, and the Rules Committee has discussed it as well. In this discussion, each group is doing its own thing and there is no campus-wide collaboration in these efforts. Chair Koster asked Alice Burmeister, Chair of the Faculty Concerns Committee for 2002-2003, to report on the committee's discussion of this topic. Dr. Burmeister reported that the Faculty Concerns Committee received several requests to discuss plagiarism and cheating. A group consisting of Dr. Burmeister; the Dean of Students, Bethany Marlowe; Dean Mark Herring of Dacus Library, several students and a few others met to discuss this topic. They came up with 2 major objectives: 1) there should be some University-wide coordination of addressing academic dishonesty, and 2) there should be formal activities addressing these issues campus-wide. Dean of Students, Bethany Marlowe, reported that this is not just a Winthrop problem; it is a nation-wide problem. Dean Marlowe mentioned she attended a conference this summer that discussed academic honesty and how various campuses address prevention and infractions. Josh Parks, a member of the Council of Student Leaders, reported on the activities the students are initiating this semester. The Council of Student Leaders has established a committee on Academic Integrity. In discussions with students, many do not understand the topic, or the consequences of cheating. The CSL will be surveying students, and educating them on the issue through campus forums. Brien Lewis, Chair of the Nature and Character of the University Task Force, indicated that academic integrity is one of many topics addressed in the draft report that will be released to the campus in upcoming weeks.

Chair Koster asked for volunteers from the Council to be a part of the Task Force on University Integrity. Gloria Jones, David Pretty, Barbara Heinemann, Barbara Fuller and Tim Drueke agreed to be a part of the group. Others from across the campus, including Deans Marlowe and Herring and representatives from the Council of Student Leaders, will be invited to participate. The group was asked to report back to the Council at the February 6, 2004 meeting.

Vice President Moore pointed out that the Deans are not strictly telling the truth at commencement when they say that all degree candidates have completed their

requirements, since students can participate in commencement if they are within 9 hours of completing their degrees. Dr. Moore pointed to this as a policy that may weaken the University's integrity and expressed his hope that the Task Force will address broad issues of university integrity such as Commencement participation and making Winthrop a place where telling the truth is valuable across the board.

VII. Announcements

Chair Koster reminded everyone to review the minutes as soon as possible when they are sent out as we have only a couple days to approve the minutes before discussion at the Faculty Conference meeting on October 10, 2003. The next meeting of the Council will be October 31, 2003.

Brien Lewis announced that the draft report of the Nature and Character of the University Task Force will be released shortly; please review and provide feedback.

Tim Drueke announced that advising and registration are only a couple weeks away. Advising begins on October 22 and registration on November 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.