

**MINUTES**  
**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**  
**FACULTY ASSEMBLY**  
**Oct. 23, 2015**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Kinard Auditorium**

**I. Approval of Minutes:**

Dr. Michael Lipsomb noted that a quorum had been met and called the meeting to order. A motion and second were made to approve the minutes of Sept. 4, 2015. The minutes were approved without dissent.

**II. Curriculum Committee Report:**

Dr. Wendy Sellers presented the following program and course changes that were reviewed and approved:

- i. Modify program: Minor in Writing.*
- ii. Modify program: Minor in English.*
- iii. Modify program: Minor in African American Studies.*
- iv. Modify program: BA in Social Studies with Teacher Certification.*
- v. Modify course: SCST 390, Principles of Teaching Social Studies I.*
- vi. Modify course: PSYC 301, Research I: Statistics.*
- vii. Modify course: PSYC 302, Research II: Experimental Psychology.*
- viii. Modify course: PSYC 400, History and Systems of Psychology.*
- ix. Modify course: PSYC 463, Academic Internships in Psychology.*
- x. Modify course: PSYC 498, Senior Seminar in Psychology.*
- xi. Add course: BIOL 122, Bench to Bedside Two: Pre-Health Professions Preparation.*
- xii. Add course: WRIT 311, Topics in Writing and Rhetoric.*
- xiii. Add course: SCST 590, Principles of Teaching Social Studies I.*
- xiv. Add course: SCWK 622A, Field Instruction II.*
- xv. Add course: SCWK 622B, Field Instruction II.*
- xvi. Add course: SCWK 632A, Field Instruction III.*
- xvii. Add course: SCWK 632B, Field Instruction III.*
- xviii. Add course: FREN 380, Introduction to Translation.*
- xix. Add course: FREN 385, Topics in French/Francophone Civilization and Culture.*
- xx. Add course: FREN 395, Topics in French/Francophone Literature.*
- xxi. Add course: FREN 405, Topics in Advanced French Language.\**
- xxii. Add course: FREN 325, Special Topics in French.*
- xxiii. Add course: GERM 325, Special Topics in German.*
- xxiv. Add course: SPAN 380, Introduction to Translation.*

- xxv. *Add course:* SPAN 385, Topics in Spanish/Hispanic Civilization and Culture.
- xxvi. *Add course:* SPAN 395, Topics in Spanish/Hispanic Literature.
- xxvii. *Add course:* SPAN 405, Topics in Advanced Spanish Language.

**\*This course was left off the presented list but was approved separately.**

The Curriculum Committee had approved the following blanket petitions. No action was required:

- a. For the Writing minor, in the 2012-13 catalog and all following catalogs, add ENGE 519 to the courses in the Creative Writing Emphasis.
- b. For the Writing minor, in the 2012-13 catalog and all following catalogs, change the phrasing regarding number of hours.
- c. For the LLAN track, end the January 2012 petition regarding the replacement of two required history classes after the 2013-14 catalog.

Nine student petitions were approved by the Curriculum Committee, and one was tabled.

**III. Old Business** — none.

**IV. New Business** — none.

### **V. Announcements**

a. Dr. Gregory Oakes extended an invitation for creation of short Adult Education programming. These may be non-credit, workshops, short courses, field trips, etc., for spring and/or summer. The goal is up to 45 offerings for late spring and summer to promote diversity and may be offered, for example, in areas such as law enforcement, sustainable ecology, Southern history, ornithology and other fields. Ideas are encouraged. For more information contact Dr. Oakes or Dr. Pat Guilbaud.

b. Dean Karen Kedrowski reviewed recently announced changes in December and May commencement ceremonies. In December the university will combine graduate and undergraduate Commencement ceremonies into one event. In May 2016, the university will have three ceremonies — a graduate Commencement and two undergraduate ceremonies. This change is being made to accommodate the overflow crowds of many family and friends who wish to join in the celebration of student graduates. More details forthcoming.

c. Dr. Matt Hayes invited any faculty with questions or concerns to report to or consult with the Faculty Committee on University Life. Anything brought to the committee is anonymous.

## VI. Dean's Remarks

Dr. Kedrowski thanked faculty for attending and shared good news about faculty and program achievements:

**Dr. Heather Evans-Anderson** (Biology) was selected for the Project Kaleidoscope (P-KAL) Summer Institute, hosted by the American Association of Colleges and Universities. P-KAL is dedicated to STEM curriculum innovation.

The 30<sup>th</sup> volume of the Belgian Francophone library, edited by **Dr. Donald Friedman**, German, will be released this fall.

**Dr. Sabrina Habib**, Mass Communication, received the *Journal of Advertising Education's* best article award for 2015. Dr. Habib joined the Winthrop faculty in Fall 2015.

**Dr. Jeanne Haubert**, Sociology, was featured on the national program *Academic Minute* on August 28, 2015, where she discussed the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.

**Dr. Rick Chacon** was featured on the *Academic Minute* on October 15, 2015, where he discussed the role of religion in the American Revolution. In the last three years, five Winthrop faculty have been featured on the *Academic Minute* and all have come from the College of Arts & Sciences. (**Matt Heard, Jason Silverman** and **Gregory Bell** are the others)

**Dr. Gregg Hecimovich**, English, received an inaugural Public Scholar Fellowship Award from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The award recognizes his work on *The Life and Times of Hannah Craft*.

**Dr. Amanda Hiner**, English, and Winthrop University's general education program received national attention at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Critical Thinking and Education Reform in July. Winthrop University is considered a national model of how to integrate critical thinking across the curriculum.

**Dr. Dustin Hoffman**, English, received the highly-competitive Prairie Schooner fiction book prize for his work, *One-Hundred Knuckled Fist*. This book will be published by the University of Nebraska Press.

**Dr. Pedro Munoz**, Spanish, published *Conectando!*, an e-textbook that focuses on students' oral communication skills, in September, 2015.

**Drs. Duane Neff** and **Monique Constance-Huggins**, Social Work, are conducting a community needs assessment for the United Way of York County.

**Drs. Donna Nelson** and **Darren Ritzer**, Psychology, were recognized for their contributions to *Psi Chi*, the Psychology national honor society.

**Dr. Padmini Patwardhan**, Mass Communication, was awarded the 2015 Temerlin Advertising Institute Visiting Research Fellowship at Southern Methodist University.

**Dr. Clara Paulino** curated a conference entitled “Complexity: Interdisciplinary Conversations” at the University of Porto in Portugal in October.

**Dr. Meredith-Joy Petersheim**, Political Science, is the inaugural recipient of the Jane Mansbridge Award, which recognizes contributions to the national Women’s Caucus for Political Science.

**Dr. Jason Silverman**, History, published his most recent book *Lincoln and the Immigrant* in September 2015. Also, the Lincoln Cottage is hosting a museum exhibit based upon Dr. Silverman’s book. The exhibit opens October 15. Dr. Silverman will also be a featured speaker at a US Naturalization Ceremony in Washington, DC in October.

**Dr. Stephen Smith**, Political Science, received an NSF grant to fund his research on school desegregation policy. This is the first social sciences NSF grant received at Winthrop University.

**Dr. Matthew Stern**, Biology, has received a \$50,000 INBRE III Target Faculty Award for his project, “Adipose-Derived Mesenchymal Stem Cells and Porcine Acellular Muscle Matrix Scaffolds for Skeletal Muscle Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine.”

**Dr. Joseph Tipton**, Latin and Ancient Greek, is a contributing editor on the Synod of Dordt project. This project involves editing all documents pertaining to the Synod of Dordt in 1618.

The **Department of Mass Communication** is now home to the South Carolina Broadcasting Hall of Fame. The space was dedicated on September 22, 2015.

The **Department of Political Science** completed its external review team visit. The **Department of English** will soon host its external review team as well, with trick-or-treating.

Other remarks by the dean:

Sens. Rand Paul and Tim Scott, along with Rep. Trey Gowdy, will appear on campus at noon on Nov. 6. That evening, the Democratic Candidate Forum will be held at Byrnes Auditorium, 8 p.m. There was disappointment concerning seat availability for the forum.

University Strategic Planning groups are focusing on Retention, Graduate Rate Improvement, Academic Program Mix, Diversity, Employee Satisfaction (non compensation), Culture of Philanthropy, Budget Model and Strategic Planning. One to three CAS representatives are on each committee.

The Competitive Compensation Committee continues its work. Faculty: Median salary by institution type, region, discipline, rank, and time in rank. Staff: Looking for appropriate comparisons based on position description and market. Committee will provide recommendations to the President who will make final decisions.

For Summer Session, there will be no change in the compensation policy for 2016. Confusing language in the policy will be clarified. Provost Boyd will appoint a committee to examine summer compensation policy. In the meantime, summer sessions need to focus on classes that make. Also: think of other ways to use the physical plant in the summer. Questions, including those from Dr. Jeff Sinn and Dr. Frank Pullano, concerned strategy and planning for summer enrollment and online learning; these are still being developed. Dr. Adolphus Belk asked if information is available to determine who is taking summer courses – those who want to get

ahead, those who are struggling in regular classes, or those who may do better in online courses than in regular classrooms. Outcomes, he noted, may well be worse. The dean said that information should be obtainable and will be made available when compiled. Dr. Lipscomb said there seemed to be a consensus for more data, more focused study in order to better understand the issues, particularly concerning enrollment and recruitment, and above all else, the need for a clear strategy. Dr. Kedrowski affirmed that she will relay these concerns to Provost Boyd.

On budgeting: The FY 2015-16 faces a \$1.4 million gap. Three sources for budget savings: Personnel savings (F/S vacancies, unused salary base); temporary employees (i.e. adjuncts); operating budgets. There is a division-wide examination of adjunct faculty costs. CAS Interim Faculty Costs (adjuncts and overloads): \$1.14 million (in AY 14-15). First priority is to secure permission to search for full-time faculty. Nine searches approved so far for Fall 2016 hire dates. Working with chairs to reduce adjunct costs while still treating faculty fairly.

There are about 40 revolving accounts associated with CAS. At least a dozen or so are moribund, and most have money in them. This amounts to thousands of dollars. The dean will work with the Budget Office and SPAR to make sure these funds may be directed to other purposes, with a specific effort being made to return funds directly to academic departments.

Dr. Lipscomb thanked Dr. Sellers for conducting the last meeting. The next meeting is set for Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. in Kinard Auditorum.

Graduate Faculty Assembly was to convene immediately following the Faculty Assembly.

**Adjournment**

**3:11 p.m.**