

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
FACULTY ASSEMBLY  
AGENDA  
January 13, 2017

**2:04 p.m.**  
**Auditorium**

**Kinard**

**I. Approval of minutes.....Wendy Sellers**

The minutes of the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved with no corrections.

**II. Introductory Remarks**

There were no introductory remarks.

**III. Curriculum Committee Report..... Jo Koster**

a. The following curriculum actions not being addressed:

*i. Modify course: BIOL 404, Animal-Plant Interactions.*

*ii. Modify course: BIOL 440, Readings in Biology.*

*iii. Modify course: BIOL 450H, Honors: Selected Topics in Biology.*

*iv. Modify course: BIOL 471, Undergraduate Research in Biology.*

*v. Modify course: BIOL 505, Primate Biology.*

*vi. Modify course: BIOL 508, Invertebrate Biology.*

*vii. Modify course: BIOL 515, Environmental Biology.*

*viii. Modify course: BIOL 529, Stem Cell Biology.*

*ix. Modify course: BIOL 530, Current Methods in Microscopy*

b. The following are actions from December 6<sup>th</sup>

Department of Biology

*i. Modify course: BIOL 203H, Principles of Biology Laboratory.*

*ii. Modify course: BIOL 204H, Principles of Biology.*

*iii. Modify course: BIOL 205, General Botany.*

*iv. Modify course: BIOL 205H, General Botany.*

- v. Modify course: BIOL 206, General Zoology.*
- vi. Modify course: BIOL 206H, General Zoology.*
- vii. Modify course: BIOL 307, Human Anatomy.*
- viii. Modify course: BIOL 308, Human Physiology.*
- ix. Modify course: BIOL 310, Microbiology.\**
- x. Modify course: BIOL 317, Genetics.*
- xi. Modify course: BIOL 321, Microscopic Anatomy.*
- xii. Modify course: BIOL 322, Developmental Biology.*
- xiii. Add course: SCIE 390, Introduction to Teaching Science.*
- xiv. Modify course: SCIE 393, Seminar in Secondary Science Education*
- xv. Add course: SCIE 590, Introduction to Teaching Science.*
- xvi. Add course: SCIE 593, Seminar in Secondary Science Education.*
- xvii. Add course: SCIE 390, Introduction to Teaching Science.*
- xviii. Modify course: SCIE 393, Seminar in Secondary Science Education.*
- xix. Add course: SCIE 590, Introduction to Teaching Science.*
- xx. Add course: SCIE 593, Seminar in Secondary Science Education.*

#### Department of Mass Communication

- i. Modify course: MCOM 301, Mass Communication Theory and Research.*
- ii. Modify course: MCOM 349, Advertising Copy and Layout.*
- iii. Modify course: MCOM 464, Mass Communication Practicum.*

#### Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies

- i. Modify course: PHIL 301, Ancient Greek Philosophy.*
- ii. Modify course: PHIL 302, Modern Philosophy.*

#### Department of Psychology

- i. Add course: PSYC 470, Undergraduate Research in Psychology.*

Department of Sociology & Anthropology

- i. Modify course: ANTH 341, Urban Ethnography.*
- ii. Add course: SOCL 503A, Service Learning in Sociology.*
- iii. Add course: SOCL 503B, Service Learning in Sociology.*
- iv. Add course: SOCL 507A, Service Learning in Criminology.*
- v. Add course: SOCL 507B, Service Learning in Criminology.*

Department of World Languages & Cultures

- i. Add course: MLAN 393, Seminar in Modern Language Education.*
- ii. Add course: MLAN 593, Seminar in Modern Language Education*

Department of Biology

- i. Modify program: BS-BIOL-CSST*
- ii. Modify program: MS-BIOL*

Department of Interdisciplinary Studies

- i. Modify program: Minor-AAMS*
- ii. Modify program: Minor-LGST*

Department of World Languages & Cultures

- i. Modify program: BA-MLAN-FREN*
- ii. Modify program: BA-MLAN-CSFR*
- iii. Modify program: BA-MLAN-SPAN*
- iv. Modify program: BA-MLAN-CSSP*

c. The following are blanket petitions, December 6<sup>th</sup>:

Department of Biology

- i. For the BS in Biology (all concentrations), in the current catalog and all previous catalogs, allow BIOL 540 *Human Ecology* to count toward the major requirements – either to satisfy Area A of the biology curriculum, or to count as a biology elective in Area C.*
- ii. For the BS in Biology (all concentrations), in the current catalog and all previous catalogs, allow BIOL 316X and BIOL 316 to count*

toward the major requirements – either to satisfy Area B of the biology curriculum, or to count as a biology elective in Area C.

Department of Human Nutrition

i. For the BS in Human Nutrition, in the current catalog and all previous catalogs, add ACCT 280 and HLTH 300 to the list of DPD elective courses.

Department of Interdisciplinary Studies

ii. For the BS in ENSC, the BA in ENST, and the minor in SUST, in all catalogs, allow SOCL 350 *Animals & Society* to count as an elective toward the major/minor requirements.

Department of Mass Communication

i. For the BA in MCOM and the BS in IMC, in all catalogs, waive the requirement that students take 72 hours in liberal arts & sciences. This requirement is not part of the actual catalog, but is currently showing up in DegreeWorks.

Department of English

i. For the BA in ENGL, in the current catalog and all previous catalogs, allow students to count ENGL 308 up to three times for credit toward graduation in the major. (This item was approved on 12/21 after the regular committee meeting.)

ii. One student petition was denied.

**IV. Old Business** There was no old business

**V. New Business** There was no new business

**VI. Dean's Remarks** ..... Karen M. Kedrowski

a. The dean announced good news:

i. Shout out to departments that hosted election season events. Six departments in the Arts and Sciences hosted cultural events.

ii. Shout out to Mass Communication Department for hosting the Native American Film festival.

iii. Shout out to Dr. Matt Fike who is celebrating the release of his fourth book.

iv. Winthrop University graduate Chisa Johnson Putman was nominated to be a York County Magistrate Judge, making her the second black female to hold this position.

v. Shout out to students in Department of Human Nutrition for conducting a survey on food insecurity. The final report is forthcoming. This report will yield important information because hunger deters learning.

vi. Melford Wilson is celebrating 50 years of service to Winthrop University. Among other things he is known for heading the International Center, he served as Provost, and he chaired the Political Science department, as well as his involvement in Model U.N.

vii. The Human Nutrition department is celebrating its centennial.

b. Reminder: The travel deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup>.

c. Nominate people for the Scholarly Excellence Award. You may also self-nominate.

d. There are nine searches in the College. Searches are now run electronically. The applicant data form is being distributed as a Qualtrics survey, which is yielding interesting data about which publications people read when searching for jobs. Committee members are also building a repository, using BlackBoard.

e. The College is working on the strategic initiative for diversity, which focuses on recruitment and retention of diverse faculty. One member of the diversity committee serves on each search committee. Their role is to make sure that any candidate that would add diversity to a department receives fair and equitable treatment. Additionally, the Dean encouraged faculty to consider ways to create a welcoming environment for underrepresented groups in order to improve retention. Our next round of hiring will begin in the spring.

f. Annual report comments are coming. The Dean thanked Dr. Robert Prickett and Dr. Greg Oakes for their service.

g. Graduate Education Week is the week of February 13<sup>th</sup>. Anyone with a graduate degree is encouraged to wear regalia on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

h. Faculty members need to be very careful about how they interact with students with disabilities. South Carolina codes state that when one person is involved in a conversation that it is not illegal to record the

conversation, which implies an affirmative right. The question at stake is whether students should be able to record activities in the classroom without an authorizing letter from the Office of Accessibility and whether doing so violates privacy and intellectual property rights, among other things. One cautionary note: If a faculty member refuses to comply with the letter from the Office of Accessibility the institution's liability insurance does not cover the faculty member in that instance. Violations of the letter could place faculty at risk. On the other hand, if faculty members provide an accommodation not specified by the letter, they are acting as an agent of the University and the University must assume that the student has a disability – even without documentation. As a result, students have the right to expect that same accommodation from other faculty.

i. Three colleges, including the College of Arts and Sciences, are reconsidering their contracts with Activity Insight. A working group examined several other alternatives, which vary in cost. Recommendations from the group have gone forward to Academic Affairs and the Provost is expected to make a decision by the end of January. If the College renews its contract with Activity Insight then efforts will be made to make the software more user-friendly and allow each college to make customized reports. There has also been a request among the chairs to bring back the short-form report.

## **2:40 Adjournment**