

Winthrop University Faculty Conference

Minutes from November 20, 2009

2 pm Carroll Hall Auditorium

- I. Dr. Bollinger called the meeting to order at 2:00. As there wasn't a quorum, the faculty voted in favor to continue the meeting.
- II. Minutes from the September 25, 2009 Faculty Conference meeting were approved as circulated with the agenda after two minor corrections were made.
- III. Report from the Chair Marsha Bollinger

Dr. Bollinger reported on the Board of Trustees meeting that occurred on November 6th.

The Academic Affairs Committee heard reports from all academic units. These included mention of a number of new and very impressive initiatives and accomplishments. They also discussed the proposals the "new" BFA degree programs in Interior Design and in Visual Communication Design. Finally the group was privileged to have a demonstration of how students and faculty will be using the new trading floor.

The Finance Committee heard a series of reports on the work of an external audit firm, summer camps, budget rescission mandates to date, and construction projects to date.

The University Life Committee heard reports from Athletics including some changes being considered by the NCAA (summer school for incoming freshmen, fewer basketball games, addition of sand volleyball as an NCAA sport) and from Student Life including updates on campus preparedness for H1N1, the Critical Incident Management work, and the housing of SC Campus Compact on our campus.

The Institutional Advancement and Development Committee received reports from University Advancement and Enrollment Management including reports on recruitment and enrollment (1060 headcount for freshmen this fall) and updates on marketing and from University Development and Alumni Relations including a new web site design for alumni that will keep them better connected to the University and to fellow alumni.

The full Board, including both the faculty representative and the student representative, heard about and participated in the planning process for the QEP portion of the SACS reaccreditation.

At the afternoon session that was open to the public, the Board received many reports and passed a number of resolutions. Two resolutions of note include an endorsement of this year's Vision of Distinction and some amendments to the Board bylaws. Among the amendments is the following statement (Article VI, Section B). The last phrase is the update and is most relevant to faculty.

The Board delegates to the President the managerial and administrative authority for the ongoing operations of the University commensurate with the policies of the Board. Decisions made by the President may not be appealed to the Board of Trustees, except for an appeal to the Board in matters of faculty promotion and tenure predicated solely on the grounds of improper procedure.

IV. Report from the Vice President for Academic Affairs

Thomas Moore

Dr. Moore expressed how we have a lot to be thankful for. He is aware of the wonderful work the faculty does and he is grateful. He announced that Winthrop has initiated some faculty searches. He stated that the Deans are articulating faculty needs very well. There were no questions for Dr. Moore.

V. Committee Reports

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Rebecca Evers

The following were passed unanimously by Faculty Conference vote:

- COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Department of Human Nutrition

Modify BS in Human Nutrition-Dietetics to delete SPCH 201 as the required oral communication requirement. (modify program)

Modify BS in Human Nutrition-Food Systems Management to delete SPCH 201 as the required oral communication requirement. (modify program)

Modify BS in Human Nutrition-Nutrition Science to delete SPCH 201 as the required oral communication requirement. (modify program)

- COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics

Modify BA in Economics to delete CSCI 110 as an option in Technology (no longer offered); and to delete the one course requirement of PLSC 320, 321, 323, or GEOG 302 and replace it with another ECON course. (modify program)

Modify the minor in Economics to allow students to delete the additional list of pre-selected courses and add any 9 hours of ECON above 299. (modify program)

- GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Proposal to include Math 151 in the Quantitative Reasoning requirement. The proposal would be to change the current requirement from "This requirement will be met by completing CTQR 150 or a math course that covers calculus or has a calculus prerequisite" to "This requirement will be met by completing MATH 150, or MATH 151, or a math course that covers calculus or has a calculus prerequisite". It is also requested that this change be retroactive to the beginning of Fall 09.

- MOTION FROM ACADEMIC COUNCIL to rename the title and all other references of "**Program Review**" in Chapter II: Faculty Organization to "**Internal Program Evaluation.**"

- **MOTION FROM ACADEMIC COUNCIL on choice of catalog:** Include the following sentence within the University Catalog at the location recommended by Academic Council: Students who are absent from the university for more than 12 months due to military service may elect to retain the catalog they were following at the time of leaving for active duty.

The following were for information only:

- COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Department of English

Modify WRIT 501 (3) Writing for Electronic Publication to change title to Writing for New Media.

Department of History

Modify HIST 300 (3) Historiography and Methodology to make pre-requisites and co-requisites (CRTW 201, HIST 211 and 212, and two from HIST 111, 112, and 113, or permission of instructor) the same.

Department of Political Science

Add AAMS 319 (3) Race and Ethnic Politics in the United States
Add PLSC 319 (3) Race and Ethnic Politics in the United States

Department of Sociology

Modify ANTH 540 (3) Ecological Anthropology to change title to Human Ecology.

- COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics

Modify ACCT 280 (3) Accounting Information for Business Decisions to change prerequisites from “MATH 101, 105, 150 or 151 and CSCI 101 and CSCI 101B and two of CSCI 101A, C or P” to “CSCI 101B and one of MATH 101, 105, 150 or 151.”

Modify ECON 315 (3) Microeconomic Analysis to change prerequisites from “ECON 215 and ECON 216” to “ECON 215 and ECON 216 and either MATH 105 or MATH 201 or permission of instructor.”

Modify ECON 415 (3) Managerial Economics to change prerequisites from “ECON 215” to “ECON 215 and either MATH 105, MATH 201 or permission of instructor.”

- UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Add LEAD 120A (1) Theory and Practice of Residential Leadership
Add LEAD 120B (1) Theory and Practice of Peer Mentor Leadership
Add LEAD 120C (1) Theory and Practice of Orientation Leadership
Add LEAD 120D (1) Theory and Practice of Leadership

- GENERAL EDUCATION

The following courses applying for recertification were ACCEPTED:

ECON 103 – Constitution
ANTH 201 – Global
ANTH 203 – Global
SPED 391 – Oral Communication

MATH 105 – Quantitative Skills
MATH 150 – Quantitative Skills
MATH 201 – Quantitative Skills
ANTH 201 – Social Science
ECON 103 – Social Science
ECON 216 – Social Science
ECON 343 – Social Science
SOCL 201 – Social Science

- **DUAL DEGREE/DOUBLE MAJOR ISSUES:** Academic Council is continuing to examine difficulties some students have in completing dual degrees or double majors. One faculty member commented that “administrative rules should not stand in the way of student ambitions.”

ROLES AND REWARDS

Provided in writing with the [agenda](#). No questions.

Beth Costner

FACULTY CONCERNS

Provided in writing with the [agenda](#). No questions.

David Meeler

BUDGET PRIORITIES

Provided in writing with the [agenda](#). No questions.

Sue Spencer

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Provided in writing with the [agenda](#). No questions.

Jennifer McDaniel-Millikin

VI. Unfinished business

- **Proposed By-Laws Amendment**

The following bylaw change was reintroduced. Faculty Conference had dropped below a quorum when it came up at the September meeting, so no action could be taken.

Article II, Section 3. The Faculty Conference shall be the principal legislative body of the faculty. All actions of the Faculty Conference shall be subject to review by the President of the University.

The following sentence was added to the end of the motion by vote:

Any disapprovals shall be communicated to the faculty, with reasons therefore, within thirty days.

Discussion about the reasons for needed changes to the earlier bylaws was followed by a motion to postpone action on the amended bylaw text. This motion passed unanimously.

- Amendment to Faculty Leadership Committee

Dwight Dimaculangan

The motion: We move to align the Faculty Leadership Committee membership and Trustees open-meeting attendance assignments with the new committee structure of the Board of Trustees in the following way. All other rules regarding the Faculty Leadership Committee will remain unchanged.

<u>Board of Trustees Committee</u>	<u>Attendance by the following faculty member</u>
Academic Affairs	Chair, Faculty Conference and Chair, Graduate Faculty Assembly*, **
Finance	Chair, Committee on University Priorities* Chair, Budget Priorities**
Institutional Advancement and Development	Member, Committee on University Priorities, selected by Committee* Chair, Admissions Advisory Committee**
Student Life	Chair, Committee on University Life* Chair, Faculty Concerns**

* - new faculty governance structure
** - current faculty governance structure

The motion passed unanimously.

- SACS Progress Report Pat Graham
Provided in writing with the [agenda](#). No questions.
- QEP Report Marilyn Sarow
Dr. Sarow announced that the four QEP proposals would be presented on December 4th in Carroll Hall Auditorium.
- TALONS Report Tim Drueke
Tim Drueke announced that he would be working full time on the Student System Project on Banner. He will be communicating with the faculty about training for next fall’s advising and registration. He appreciates the faculty’s patience through this process.

VII. New business

The following **MOTION** was presented by David Meeler; it represents the work of a group.

WHEREAS Winthrop University is committed to policies that reflect and advance collective growth, free expression, and transformation (2009-2010 Vision of Distinction, p.2); and

WHEREAS Winthrop University’s partnership with the American Association of Colleges & Universities and the John Templeton Foundation endorses an “expectation that all members of the campus community will dedicate attention to... taking seriously the perspectives of others” (2009-2010 Vision of Distinction, p.3); and

WHEREAS Winthrop University is a member in good standing of the Association of the Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (hereafter AGB); and

WHEREAS the most recent “AGB Statement on Institutional Governance” “Standards of Good Practice” includes that “the board should recognize that institutional consensus is more likely when all parties have agreed on the process and criteria” (p. 7); and

WHEREAS the most recent “AGB Statement on Institutional Governance” “Standards of Good Practice” includes that “the board should support the chief executive, while ensuring that the voices of other stakeholders are heard” (p. 7); and

WHEREAS the most recent “AGB Statement on Institutional Governance” “Principles” includes that governing boards “should comprehend all sides of an issue and—in appropriate instances and in consultation with the chief executive—afford contending parties an opportunity to present their views. The board should be prepared to set forth the reasons for its decisions” (p. 4); and

WHEREAS the most recent “AGB Statement on Institutional Governance” “Principles” includes that “boards should be mindful that the presence of one or more students, faculty, or staff members on the board or its committees neither constitutes nor substitutes for full communication and consultation with these stakeholders” (p. 6); and

WHEREAS the most recent “AGB Statement on Institutional Governance” “Principles” includes that “[b]oards should ensure that no single stakeholder group is given an exclusive franchise in any area of governance...” (p. 5); and

WHEREAS the most recent “AGB Statement on Institutional Governance” “Standards of Good Practice” includes that “[w]hile respecting the sometimes lengthy process of academic governance, a single individual or group should not be empowered to impede decisions through inaction” (p. 7); and

WHEREAS the most recent “AGB Statement on Institutional Governance” “Questions to Consider” includes that governing boards ask such questions as:

- “Has the board enhanced communication with the campus stakeholders?”
- “Has the board, in concert with the chief executive and in consultation with appropriate stakeholders, assessed the participation of stakeholders in institutional decision making and their collaboration in policy implementation?” and
- “What initiatives might be undertaken to clarify and strengthen communication, participation, and collaboration in institutional governance?” (p. 12); and

WHEREAS Winthrop University has a long tradition of shared values throughout the campus community and in its governance, with faculty, administration, and the Board of Trustees carefully considering each others’ concerns and issues;

THEREFORE LET IT BE MOVED that the Chair of Faculty Conference present this motion to the Board of Trustees and respectfully request they consider revising their by-laws, especially the recent elimination of governance appeals by Faculty Conference and the process by which that decision was made, in light of the nature and character of Winthrop University’s cooperative community, Winthrop University’s “Vision of Distinction”, and Winthrop’s membership in the AGB together with its guiding document the “AGB Statement on Institutional Governance.”

It was stated that this proposal would afford the opportunity for a third party to intervene if there is significant disagreement between the principal legislative body and the executive body by two-thirds majority. The motion tasks the Chair of Faculty Conference to act as faculty representative to the Board of Trustees. There was one slight modification to the wording of the motion (reflected in the above motion). Several faculty members spoke in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Announcements

We were reminded that there were several changes in math classes. If faculty has any questions during advising, please contact the chair of the math department at extension 4568.

The CUI meeting for December has been cancelled.

There will be a fund-raiser for the library soon.

We were reminded to follow all deadlines for turning in grades.

IX. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 3:20

Respectfully submitted,

L. Mark Lewis
Faculty Conference Secretary