

**WINTHROP UNIVERSITY**  
**ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES**  
February 25, 2000

Academic Council met on Friday, February 25, 2000 at 2:10 pm in 212 Thurmond. Guillermo Castillo, Melford Wilson, and Margaret Williamson attended as visitors.

**Members:**

Janice Chism, Chair*	<i>Biology</i>	Julian Smith	<i>Biology</i>	Jonatha Vare
Gary Alderman*	<i>Arts &amp; Sci.</i>	Thomas Polaski	<i>Mathematics</i>	Michael William
Marsha Bollinger	<i>Geology</i>	Karen Kedrowski	<i>Pol. Science</i>	Ann Fletcher*
Ray Dockery*	<i>Education</i>	Jean Silagyi-Rebovich*	<i>Human Nutr.</i>	Mamie Bush
Kent Foster	<i>CSCI &amp; QM</i>	Susan Silverman*	<i>Library</i>	Tim Druke
Angela Letourneau*	<i>Business</i>	Paul Martyka	<i>Art &amp; Design</i>	
David Letourneau*	<i>Finance</i>	William Thacker	<i>CSCI</i>	

\* absent

**I. Minutes of the January 28, 2000 meeting were approved.**

**II. Report form Academic Affairs**

Dr. Melford Wilson reported the AACSB accreditation visit occurred for the College of Business Administration. The College received positive ratings and few suggestions. AACSB was impressed with the students, and faculty. Dr. Wilson also reported there are several proposed changes with Performance funding being considered by the state. Most importantly a change to a plus or minus three percent range for some of the performance indicators. This should make it easier to make a 'meets requirements' but more difficult to exceed on these indicators.

**III. Committee Reports**

## **A. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction.**

Tom Polaski reported CUI had taken the following curricular actions. No action on the first items was needed from Academic Council. Action was requested for the items from the Department of Modern Languages.

### **Items approved by CUI – No Academic Council action required**

Supporting documentation on these curricular changes is available from the members of CUI. If any member of the Council wishes to discuss any of the items on this list, let the Chair or Secretary know as soon as possible so copies of the appropriate documentation may be made.

### **COLLEGE OF ART AND SCIENCES**

Department of Modern Languages

1. **Change** Prerequisite on all 102 level language courses to "Students who elect to take 101 language course must receive at least a "C" or "S" in that language course before enrolling in 102 of that language.

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### **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

Department of Health and Physical Education

1. **Add** PHED257 Current Activities: Cardio Kick (1)

**The following were forwarded to Academic Council. See attached memo from CUI and from the Department of Modern Languages.**

### **COLLEGE OF ART AND SCIENCES**

Department of Modern Languages

1. **Drop** CHIN101 (3),  
Elementary Chinese
2. **Add** CHIN101 (4),  
Elementary Chinese
3. **Drop** CHIN102 (3),  
Elementary Chinese
4. **Add** CHIN102 (4),  
Elementary Chinese
5. **Drop** FREN101 (3),  
Elementary French
6. **Add** FREN101 (4),  
Elementary French
7. **Drop** FREN102 (3),  
Elementary French
8. **Add** FREN102 (4),  
Elementary French
9. **Drop** GERM101 (3),  
Elementary German
10. **Add** GERM101 (4),  
Elementary German
11. **Drop** GERM102 (3),  
Elementary German
12. **Add** GERM102 (4),  
Elementary German
13. **Drop** ITAL101  
(3),Elementary Italian
14. **Add** ITAL101 (4),  
Elementary Italian
15. **Drop** ITAL102 (3),  
Elementary Italian
16. **Add** ITAL102 (4),  
Elementary Italian
17. **Drop** JAPN101 (3),  
Elementary Japanese
18. **Add** JAPN101 (4),  
Elementary Japanese
19. **Drop** JAPN102 (3),  
Elementary Japanese
20. **Add** JAPN102 (4),  
Elementary Japanese
21. **Drop** LATN101 (3),  
Elementary Latin
22. **Add** LATN101 (4),  
Elementary Latin
23. **Drop** LATN102 (3),  
Elementary Latin

- 24. . **Add** LATN102 (4),  
Elementary Latin
- 25. . **Drop** RUSS101 (3),  
Elementary Russian
- 26. . **Add** RUSS101 (4),  
Elementary Russian
- 27. . **Drop** RUSS102 (3),  
Elementary Russian
- 28. . **Add** RUSS102 (4),  
Elementary Russian
- 29. . **Drop** SPAN101 (3),  
Elementary Spanish
- 30. . **Add** SPAN101 (4),  
Elementary Spanish
- 31. . **Drop** SPAN102 (3),  
Elementary Spanish
- 32. . **Add** SPAN102 (4),  
Elementary Spanish

Tom Polaski reported these changes from Modern Languages were brought before the Council due to the fact the classes impacted students from across all four colleges. Discussion on these changes centered on the impact these additional hours would have on student degree completion and cost of attendance. Guillermo Castillo explained the position of the Department of Modern Languages for the increase in credit hours and the impact on majors in French, German and Spanish. All proposed changes were approved.

## **2) General Education**

Will Thacker reported for Ray Dockery. The General Education Task force has begun working on competencies for the possible new General Education Core. The Task Force has invited faculty to membership on the various competency committees to assist in the development of the competencies. Hopefully this will be completed by summer so the Task force can develop the Human Experience I course to be proposed to the faculty in Fall 2000 and piloted as a course in Spring 2001.

Will Thacker also reported the General Education committee was looking into the 9 credit hour science

requirement and would include the Chairs of the various science departments in their discussions.

#### **IV. Old Business**

Jonatha Vare asked if the Rules Committee has reviewed Academic Councils request to clarify the process for suspending academic programs as opposed to the process for discontinuing academic programs. Julian Smith indicated the Rules Committee had not met.

Karen Kedrowski asked Mamie Bush if there was anything new to report about the Martin Luther King celebrations. Ms. Bush related she was still talking with the Johnsonian to clarify some of the misunderstandings. She will give another informal report at the next meeting.

Mamie Bush asked if there were any Terms of Reference for the Academic Council, she was referred to the Faculty Manual.

#### **V. New Business**

1.) Academic Eligibility - Margaret Williamson brought forward a proposal from the REACH Network asking Academic Council to review and approve several changes to academic eligibility rules. The proposal:

1. Increase the number of hours required for sophomore status from 22 to 24.
2. Change the GPA requirements for academic eligibility:

Proposed	Current
Freshmen 1.5	1.4
Sophomores 1.75	1.6
Juniors no change	1.9

Seniors                    2.0  
no change

3. Change the semester GPA requirements for continued probation from a 2.2 to a 2.0

Ms. Williamson reported that these changes had been reviewed and approved by the academic deans, the REACH network and the GRADE group. Discussion covered the impact of the hour change for student loan eligibility, athletic eligibility, and emphasizing the immediacy of probation for the students. It was moved and seconded to accept the proposals as written. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.