

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
 April 7, 2006

Academic Council met on Friday, April 7, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in 308 Tillman Hall.

Members:

Frank Pullano, Chair	Mathematics
Pat Ballard	Library
John Bird	English
Siobhan Brownson*	English
Shaun Cassidy*	Art & Design
Clarence Coleman	Acct, Fin and Econ
Michael Cornick*	Acct, Fin and Econ
Jennifer Disney	Political Science
Chad Dresbach	Art & Design
Rebecca Evers	Center for Pedagogy
Barbara Heinemann	Modern Languages

Tom Polaski	Mathematics
Dave Pretty	History
Linda Schoonmaker*	Health and PE
William Seyfried	Acct, Fin and Econ
Will Thacker	Computer Science
Bruce Thompson	Music
Willie Lyles, III	Student
Timothy Druke	Records/Registration

* Absent

Guests present: Debra Boyd, Tim Daugherty, Mark Herring, Mike Lipscomb, Jim McKim, Tom Moore, Marilyn Smith, and Margaret Williamson.

2006-07 Council members present: Beth Costner, Litasha Dennis, Steve Frankforter, Bob Gorman, Mark Hamilton, and Donna Webster-Nelson.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair Pullano.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the February, 2006 meeting were approved via email.

II. Chair's Remarks

Frank Pullano thanked all those with specific roles in the past year: Tim Druke as Secretary and Rebecca Evers as Parliamentarian; the members of CUI: Clarence Coleman, Jennifer Disney, Chad Dresbach and Rebecca Evers; the members on the General Education committee: Tom Polaski, Chad Dresbach, and Bill Seyfried; the members of the Grading committee: Dave Pretty, John Bird, Shaun Cassidy, Linda Schoonmaker, Willie Lyles and Tim Druke. He also thanked the members of the Council whose terms are expiring for their service: Pat Ballard, John Bird, Shaun Cassidy, Barbara Heinemann, Dave Pretty, Bill Seyfried and Willie Lyles.

III. Vice President of Academic Affairs' Remarks

Vice President Moore was at the Board of Trustees meeting at this point of the meeting.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

CUI Chair Clarence Coleman presented the items that needed approval by the Council:

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Department of English

Modify BA in ENGL, Writing Track. Modify list of acceptable courses in the "Elements of Writing: Rhetoric, Language, and Audience" component to include a new course, WRIT 510, Topics in Rhetoric and Composition. ENGL 302 has been renumbered to ENGL 507 already. Add WRIT 366 to Components for Writing for Business and Technology. Delete ENGL 510 since appropriate courses will be offered as WRIT 510. **(modify program)**

The program modification was approved.

Gerontology Committee

Modify program to **add** SCWK 521 and SCWK 531 to list of electives for the Gerontology Certificate program **(modify program)**.

Modify minor to **add** SCWK 521 and SCWK 531 to list of elective courses for minor in Gerontology **(modify minor)**.

The program modifications were approved.

Department of History

Create new Designator: PEAC: Peace, Justice and Conflict Resolution Studies

Create Minor in Peace, Justice and Conflict Resolution Studies

The new designator and minor were approved.

Department of Human Nutrition

Modify BS Nutrition Didactic Program in Dietetics Option to delete CSCI 101 or 110 from Technology in General Education Courses; delete HLSM 200 and add ACCT 280 to requirements in major; change CHEM 301/303 to 310/311 and delete Program Electives from requirements in major **(modify program)**.

Modify BS Human Nutrition, Nutrition Science Option to delete CSCI 101 or CSCI110 from Technology in General Education Requirements; delete HLSM 200 and add ACCT 280 to Requirements in Major; delete Program Electives from requirements in major **(modify program)**.

The program modifications were approved.

Department of Modern Languages

Modify BA MLAN French **(modify major)**.

The program modification was approved.

Department of Political Science:

Modify BA in Political Science to add PLSC 350 to requirements in major **(modify program)**.

Modify minor in Political Science to add PLSC 205 or 207; one of the following: PLSC 351, 352, 355, 356, 551 or 553; and nine additional hours at least 3 hours of which are numbered above 299 for minor in PLSC (**modify minor**).

The modifications to the major and minor were approved.

Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

Create minor in Religion.

The new minor was approved.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Department of Management and Marketing

Create new minor in Marketing

The new minor was approved.

College of Business Admin, Arts and Sciences and Visual and Performing Arts

Information Design

Create BS in Information Design. This interdisciplinary program has four options: Digital Commerce, Interactive Media, Web Application Design, and Digital Mass Media. See the attached packet of information.

Create new designator: INFD: Information Design

The substance of the new program and designator were approved after considerable discussion with the understanding that minor changes may have to be made. The program was reviewed section by section with a few corrections and suggestions made to the members of the Information Design development committee.

The following items were approved by CUI – Academic Council action was not required

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

African American Studies Committee:

Add AAMS 339 (3) *Modern Africa* (**new course**).

Modify AAMS 337 (3) *Early Africa* to change course content (**content change**).

Department of Biology

Drop SCIE 201 A (**drop course**).

Modify BIOL 522 to change prerequisites

Department of Chemistry, Physics and Geology:

Add GEOL 401 (3:1:6) South Carolina Natural History (**new course**).

Drop SCIE 201 B, C, D (**drop course**).

Department of English

Add new course, WRIT 510, Topics in Writing and Rhetoric.

Modify ENGL 312 by changing course prerequisites from WRIT 101 with a C or better and ENGL 209 or permission of the instructor to WRIT 101 or CRTW 201 with a C or better, and ENGL 209 or AAMS 300 or permission of the instructor.

Department of History:

Add HIST 410 *Gandhi* (3) (**new course**).

Add PEAC101 (3) An Introduction to Peace Justice and Conflict Resolution Studies

Add PEAC350 (3) Special Topics in Peace Justice and Conflict Resolution Studies

Add PEAC490 (3) Academic Internship in Peace Justice and Conflict Resolution Studies

Department of Human Nutrition:

Modify NUTR 321 (3) *Food Composition* to change course to NUTR 231 (3) *Food Composition* (**course renumbering**).

Modify NUTR 322 (1:0:3) *Food Composition Laboratory* to change course to NUTR 232 (1:0:3) *Food Composition Laboratory* (**course renumbering**).

Modify NUTR 523 (3) *Food Science Principles* to change prerequisites from “NUTR 321 and 322; CHEM 301 and 303 or equivalent; or permission of instructor” to “NUTR 231 and 232; CHEM 310 and 311 or equivalent; or permission of instructor” (**prerequisite change**).

Modify NUTR 572, Dietetics Management, by changing course number to 480 and changing prerequisites. This will make it more in line with 400-level courses and drop a prerequisite which is no longer being offered.

Department of Modern Languages

Add FREN 302 (3) French Civilization and Culture II

Modify FREN 401 (3) Survey of Francophone Literature by changing credit hours from 4 to 3. Course is being split into two courses of 3 hours each.

Add FREN 402 (3) Survey of French Literature

Department of Political Science

Modify PLSC 317 (3) *African American Politics* to change prerequisite from “PLSC 201 with a grade of C or better, or permission of instructor” to PLSC 201 with a grade of C or better, or AAMS 300 or permission of instructor” (**prerequisite change**).

Modify PLSC 338 (3) Government and Politics of Africa to change prerequisite from “PLSC 205 or 207 or permission of instructor to “PLSC 205 or PLSC 207 or AAMS 300 or permission of instructor” (**prerequisite change**).

Modify PLSC 551 (3) African American Political Thought to change prerequisite from “GNED 102 or permission of instructor, or graduate status” to “GNED 102, or AAMS 300, or permission of the instructor, or graduate status” (**prerequisite change**).

Department of Sociology and Anthropology:

Modify ANTH 540 (3) *Ecological Anthropology* to change prerequisite from “ANTH 201 and ANTH 202; or consent of the instructor” to “ANTH 201 or ANTH 202; or BIOL 203/204; or consent of the instructor” (**prerequisite change**).

Modify SOCL 227 (3) *Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems* to change title to *Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems* (**title change**).

Add SOCL 332 (3) Sociology of Conflict and Conflict Resolution. (**new course**)

RILEY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Center for Pedagogy

Modify EDUC 210 (3), Nature and Nurturing of Learners I, change title to Psychology of the Learner I and realign content across 210 and 250. **(title change)**.

Modify EDUC 250 (3) Nature and Nurturing of Learners II, change title to Psychology of the Learner II and realign content across 210 and 250 **(title change)**.

Curriculum and Instruction

Add READ 345 (3), Content Area Literacy.

COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Department of Music

Add MUSA 141-149 Special Topics in Music (add new series of numbers to use for special ensembles. The department has run out of course numbers for the various ensembles.

B. General Education

Tom Polaski presented the report from the General Education Committee. The following items were presented for approval:

1. A proposal to add the existing course GEOG 305: Introduction to Geographical Information Systems to the list of courses meeting the Technology requirement.
2. A proposal to add the new courses MUSA 141-149: Special Topics in Music to the list of courses meeting the Humanities and Arts requirement.
3. A proposal to add the existing course ENGL 208: Foundations of World Literature to the lists of courses meeting the Global Experience and Humanities and Arts requirements.
4. A proposal to add the existing course ENGL 312: African-American Literature to the list of courses meeting the Humanities and Arts requirement.
5. A proposal to add the existing course VCOM 261: Computer Imaging in Design to the lists of courses meeting the Technology and Logic/Language/Semiotics requirements.
6. A proposal to add the existing courses VCOM 222: Introduction to Illustration, VCOM 251: Introduction to Graphic Design, VCOM 258: Introduction to Typography, VCOM 354: Graphic Design I, and VCOM 463: Sequential and Multimedia Design to the list of courses meeting the Humanities and Arts requirement.
7. A proposal to keep the modified course HIST 337/AAMS 337: History of Sub-Saharan Africa on the lists of courses meeting the Humanities and Arts and Historical Perspectives requirements (title change).
8. A proposal to keep the modified course PLSC 338/AAMS 338: Government and Politics of Africa on the lists of courses meeting the Social Science and Global Perspectives requirements (prerequisite change).

9. A proposal to keep the modified course PLSC 551: African-American Political Thought on the lists of courses meeting the Humanities and Arts and Intensive Writing requirements (prerequisite change).

All nine items were approved individually.

10. A proposal to add the revised document on GNED 102 to the official documentation for the course.

The Council spent significant time discussing the changes made to the document based on the discussion from the last meeting. During discussion it was moved and seconded to amend the document to change the last sentence of the third course purpose to read: "Writing in GNED102 will be evaluated according to an appropriate rubric." The amendment passed. The entire document was then approved by the council.

C. Honors Committee

Chair Pullano asked the Council to accept the Honors Committee Report as attached to the agenda. The report was accepted.

D. Academic Conduct Committee

In a written report, Bill Naufftus, chair of the Academic Conduct Committee reported they had not met this academic year.

V. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VI. New Business

A motion to commend Frank Pullano for his outstanding work as Chair of Academic Council was approved with enthusiastic applause.

VII. Introduction of 2006-2007 members of Academic Council

Those whose terms ended this academic year were dismissed and the new members offered seats at the table. New members present were: Beth Costner, Litasha Dennis, Steve Frankforter, Bob Gorman, Mark Hamilton, and Donna Webster-Nelson. Chair Pullano asked all members to introduce themselves.

VIII. Tentative meeting dates for 2006-2007.

The tentative dates for next years meetings were distributed to the members. The official dates will be published over the summer.

IX. Election of 2006-2007 Chair

Chair Pullano opened nominations for chair for the 2006-2007 Academic year. Tom Polaski was nominated and accepted the nomination. It was then moved and seconded to close nominations. With no objection, Tom Polaski was elected Chair of Academic Council by acclamation.

VIII. Announcements

Tim Drueke reminded the members of the Council of the grading deadlines for Commencement and the regular end of semester grades.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy A. Drueke
Secretary