

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
September 28, 2007

Academic Council met on Friday, September 28, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in 308 Tillman Hall.

Members:

Tom Polaski, Chair	Mathematics Business	Steve Frankforter*	Business Administration
Brett Becton*	Administration	Bob Gorman	Library
Siobhan Brownson	English	Mark Hamilton	Fine Art
Michael Cornick*	Business Administration	Mel Horton	Health and PE
Beth Costner	Mathematics	Donna Nelson	Psychology
Litasha Dennis	English	Carolyn Shields	Education
Chad Dresbach	Design	Julian Smith	Biology
Rebecca Evers	Education	Sue Spencer	Education
		Will Thacker	Computer Science
		Dustin Evatt*	Chair, CSL
		Timothy Drueke	Records/Registration

* Absent

Guests present: Cheryl Fortner-Wood, Mark Herring, Tom Moore and Margaret Williamson.

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Chair Polaski.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the September 7, 2007 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. Chair's Remarks

Chair Polaski reported on the progress of the Faculty Governance Review Committee. The committee has met and discussed the current governance structure, what is working and what is not working. The group has started a list of the items to be discussed. If any member of the Council has concerns to add, please contact any of the Council representatives on the Committee: Beth Costner, Sue Spencer, Julian Smith or Tom Polaski.

III. Vice President of Academic Affairs' Remarks

Dr. Moore mentioned that the two major items on the faculty agenda this year – Governance Review and the weekly teaching calendar – are important in determining how we spend our time and energy on our institutional, college and program goals and in how we accomplish the goals.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

Rebecca Evers, Chair of the Committee on Undergraduate Instruction presented the report.

The following items required Council approval:

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Department of Sociology

Modify the Minor in Gerontology

Modify the Undergraduate Certificate in Gerontology

The modifications to the Gerontology programs were approved.

RILEY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Department of Health & Physical Education

Modify Bachelor of Science in Physical Education/Athletic Training

Modify Bachelor of Science in Physical Education/Fitness-Wellness

The modifications to the Bachelor of Science in Physical Education were approved.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Addition of MGMT575 Business Ethics

The Council moved and seconded to table discussion on the addition of MGMT575, Business Ethics until the next meeting. The motion carried.

B. January Meeting date

Chair Polaski will reschedule the January 11, 2008 meeting to January 18, 2008 since classes will begin on January 14, 2008.

VI. New Business

Suspension Policy

Donna Nelson reported for the ad-hoc committee. The Committee met on September 26 and discussed the suspension policies of several other institutions and possible changes to our

current policy. OF the 12 institutions reviewed, all but one does not allow students to transfer credit back to the institution while on suspension. (Clemson is the one that does allow transfer.) Several institutions allow students to take classes during the summer while on suspension. The Council discussed these ideas and gave feedback to the committee. The committee will continue discussions with colleagues and investigate other institutional policies.

VII. Announcements

Registrar Drueke reminded the Council of the following dates:

October 17 – advising for Spring 2008 begins

October 19 – last day to withdraw from a Fall 2007 course, S/U rescission deadline

October 31 – registration for Spring 2008 begins

The next meeting of the Academic Council will be November 9, 2007 at 2:00 pm in 308 Tillman Hall.

Having finished the agenda and seeing no other announcements Chair Polaski declared the meeting adjourned at 2:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy A. Drueke
Secretary