

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
September 7, 2007

Academic Council met on Friday, September 7, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in 308 Tillman Hall.

Members:

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

* Absent

Guests present: Debra Boyd, Cheryl Fortner-Wood, Mark Herring, Karen Jones, Peter Judge, and Tom Moore.

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Chair Polaski.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the April 6, 2007 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. Chair's Remarks

Chair Polaski welcomed everyone back for a new year and introduced the Council's Secretary, Tim Drueke and Parliamentarian, Beth Costner. He also noted that while there are no major initiatives on the agenda at this time, one never knows what might come up during the year.

III. Vice President of Academic Affairs' Remarks

Dr. Moore thanked all present for agreeing to serve when asked to run or be appointed to the Council. Dr. Moore reported President DiGiorgio has set this year to focus on our essential

functions. We will monitor how well we are doing, or say we are doing. This means that assessment will be a priority throughout the year. Also on the institution's agenda will be the Core Commitments program including the Personal Social Responsibility Inventory, and the Faculty Governance Review.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

Rebecca Evers, Chair of the Committee on Undergraduate Instruction presented the report. She introduced the members of CUI: Beth Costner, Michael Cornick, and Chad Dresbach. She also announced the upcoming meeting dates: September 7 and October 29 at 11:00 in Tillman 17. A December meeting will be scheduled at the next meeting.

The following items required Council approval:

RILEY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Department of Curriculum & Instruction

Modify Bachelor of Science in Family & Consumer Sciences

The modification to the BS in Family and Consumer Sciences was approved.

Department of Health & Physical Education

Modify Bachelor of Science in Physical Education/Certification.

The modification to the Bachelor of Science in Physical Education with Certification in K-12 Education was approved.

The following items were approved by CUI, no action by Academic Council was required.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Department of Human Nutrition

Change NUTR 522 (3) Community Nutrition to 428. **Course renumbering.**

Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies

Modify PHIL 310 (3), Theories of Knowledge. **Prerequisite change.**

Modify PHIL 320 (3), Professional Ethics. **Prerequisite change.**

Modify PHIL 340 (3), Environmental Ethics. **Prerequisite change.**

Modify PHIL 350 (3), Special Topics in Philosophy. **Prerequisite change.**

Modify PHIL 370 (3), Philosophy of Law. **Prerequisite change.**

Department of Psychology

Modify PSYC 463 (3:3:0), Academic Internships in Psychology. **Prerequisite change.**

Modify PSYC 498 (3), Senior Seminar in Psychology. **Prerequisite change.**

Modify PSYC 515 (3), Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine. **Prerequisite change.**

V. Unfinished Business

The one item of Unfinished Business which carried over from last year was the addition of MGMT575 Business Ethics. At the April meeting this course addition was tabled to the fall to allow the departments and colleges involved to discuss the course. These discussions have not occurred. The Council moved and seconded to table discussion on the addition of MGMT575, Business Ethics until the next meeting. The motion carried.

VI. New Business

A. Faculty Governance Review

Chair Polaski reported that he and the Chair of the Graduate Council, Cara Peters, are the co-chairs of the Faculty Governance Review Task Force. The group will be meeting on September 21. Three other members of the Council are on the Task Force: Beth Costner and Sue Spencer who were elected at the April meeting to represent the Council, and Julian Smith, as chair of the Faculty Personnel Committee.

B. Suspension Policy

Chair Polaski presented the one item that has been forwarded to him for Council review. The current Academic Suspension policy, as outlined in the current undergraduate catalog, does not allow students on suspension to take classes elsewhere and transfer them back to Winthrop. Chair Polaski asked for volunteers to review the current policy and the policies of other institutions and report back any proposed changes or reasons for not changing the current policy. Donna Nelson, Siobhan Brownson, Mel Horton and Tim Drueke volunteered for the committee. Karen Jones also will be involved in her role dealing with student appeals. Chair Polaski asked the volunteers to report back at the next meeting.

VII. Announcements

Julian Smith announced that the Faculty Personnel Committee reviewed a request for the use of electronic portfolios in the tenure and promotion process. The Committee decided this was premature at this stage. Dr. Moore reported the deans had discussed this and also agreed that due to privacy and security issues, electronic portfolios are not feasible at this time.

Chair Polaski announced that the January meeting is currently scheduled to be the Friday before classes begin for the Spring semester. Any change to that meeting time will be announced at the next meeting of the Council, September 28, 2007.

Registrar Drueke reminded the Council of the start of the Plus/Minus grading system and the Elective S/U rescission policy. Students can rescind the election of the S/U up until the last day to withdraw from classes. (October 19 for Fall semester.)

Having finished the agenda and seeing no other announcements Chair Polaski declared the meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy A. Drueke
Secretary