I. Minutes from the September 24, 2008 meeting of Academic Council were approved electronically (see attached).

II. Remarks from the Chair ............................................................................................................. Beth Greene Costner

III. Remarks from the Vice President for Academic Affairs ........................................................................... Tom Moore

IV. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction ........................................................................................ Chad Dresbach
    (see attached report)

V. General Education Committee. ............................................................................................................ Donna Nelson
    (see attached report)

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
September 24, 2008

Academic Council met on Friday, September 24, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in 308 Tillman Hall.

Members:

Beth Greene Costner Mathematics
Chad Dresbach Design
Matthew Fike English
Steve Frankforter Management and Marketing
Susan Green Center for Pedagogy
Mark Hamilton Fine Arts
Mel Horton Health and Physical Ed
Kelly James Sociology and Anthropology
Mark Mitchell Center for Pedagogy
Donna Nelson Psychology
Chasta Parker Hemant Patwardhan Management and Marketing
Marilyn Smith Management and Marketing
Julian Smith* Biology
Sue Spencer Center for Pedagogy
Gale Teaster Library
Will Thacker Computer Science
Tatiana Sosa* Council of Student Leaders
Tim Drueke Registrar, Secretary

* Absent

Guests present: Debra Boyd, Cheryl Fortner-Wood, Tom Moore, Frank Pullano, and Ginger Williams.

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Chair Costner.

I. Minutes
The minutes of the September 5, 2008 meeting were approved by email.
II. Chair’s Remarks
Chair Costner indicated she would hold her remarks for New Business

III. Vice President of Academic Affairs’ Remarks
Dr. Moore also deferred remarks until New Business

IV. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction
Chad Dresbach, Chair of the Committee on Undergraduate Instruction, presented the items from the September 16, 2008 meeting. The following item required Council approval.

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Department of Political Science
Modify African-American Studies minor: Change 1: AAMS 318/ENGL 312 - There was an error in the previous program which incorrectly listed the ENGL course as ENGL 318. The proposed change would correct the error. Change 2: Addition of AAMS 322/SOCL 320 - The addition of this course to the AAMS minor was approved by the CAS Curriculum Committee on August 17, 2006. The change that we are currently proposing would add this course to the list of offerings that satisfy the "Africa component" of the AAMS minor. Change 3: Addition of AAMS 339/HIST 338 - The addition of this course to the AAMS minor was previously approved by the CAS Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Conference. The change that we are currently proposing would add this class to the list of offerings that satisfy the "Africa component” of the AAMS minor. Change 4: Addition of AAMS 390. The addition of this course to the AAMS minor was approved by the CAS Curriculum Committee on August 17, 2006. (modify program)

Note: Changes 1 & 4 have already been incorporated into the catalog.

The Council approved the modification to the Minor in African-American Studies without dissent.

The following items did not require Council approval.

Department of Sociology
Add ANTH 324 (3), Amerindian Warfare and Ritual Violence. (new course)

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
Add ACAD 102(1), Relational Critical Thinking and Study Skills. (new course)

Several members of the Council were interested in discussing the course ACAD 102. Frank Pullano and Ginger Williams, Co-directors of the LEAP program explained the course, its use in the LEAP program and that it would be an elective. During the discussion, the title was questioned. The Council moved and seconded to change the title to Contextual Critical Thinking and Study Skills. The Council approved the change to the course title and the course.

B. General Education
Donna Webster-Nelson presented one item from the General Education committee.

Add the course ANTH 203: Introduction to Language and Culture to the lists of courses meeting the Global Experience and Social Sciences requirements.

The Council approved the addition of the course to the Touchstone Program requirements.

V. Unfinished Business
There was no unfinished business.
VI. New Business

Report on Budget issues
Chair Costner reported on the meeting held with the President, Deans and faculty regarding the current budgetary issues facing the University and the State of South Carolina. Vice-President Moore added his comments regarding the meeting and the situation. Several members of the Council had questions regarding the meeting and concerns regarding the implications of budget rescissions. Council members were encouraged to email suggestions for cost saving measures (both long- and short-term) to the President for consideration per his request.

VII. Announcements
Registrar Drueke reminded the Council of upcoming deadlines: October 22, Advising begins; October 25, last day to withdraw from a fall semester course and to rescind an S/U; November 5, registration for Spring 2009 begins.

Vice-President Moore briefly discussed the changes to the class schedule for Spring 2009 with the addition of Wednesday-Friday and Monday-Friday 75 minute class periods. Dr. Moore also mentioned the Fall 2009 schedule will have similar options.

Having finished the agenda and seeing no other announcements Chair Costner declared the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy A. Drueke
Secretary

Winthrop University

Committee on Undergraduate Instruction
CUI met at 11:30 am on October 31, 2008 in 17 Tillman.

Items approved by CUI—no action by Academic Council required
(All items found in the Curriculum Action System)

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Department of Sociology
Modify ANTH 220 (3) Introduction to Archaeology to change course content and change from biological science to earth science. (modify course)
Add ANTH 302 (3) Anthropological Theory. (new course)
Add ANTH 401 (3) Independent Study in Anthropology. (new course)
Add ANTH 463 (1) Academic Internship in Anthropology. (new course)
Add ANTH 464 (2) Academic Internship in Anthropology. (new course)
Add ANTH 503 A, B (1) (3) Service-Learning in Anthropology. (new course)
Modify SOCL 463 Academic Internship in Sociology (3) to change credit hours from 3 to 1. (modify course)
Add SOCL 464 (2) Academic Internship in Sociology. (new course)
Modify SOCL 498 (1) Senior Seminar in Sociology to change course number to 598 and to change prerequisites from “Completion of 21 semester hours in SOCL” to “Completion of 21 semester hours in SOCL. Undergraduate Sociology Majors. A grade of C or better in SOCL 516”. (modify course)
Modify SOCL 502 (3) Social Theory to change course number to 302 and to change teaching method from Independent Study to Lecture. (modify course)
Add SOCL 503A, B (1) (3) Service-Learning in Sociology. (new course)
Add SOCL 505A, B (1) (3) Service-Learning in Criminology. (new course)

RILEY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Department of Curriculum and Instruction
Add TESL 570 (3) Linguistics for Teachers of English Language Learners. (new course)
Add TESL 580 (3) Principles of Teaching Grammar to At-Risk Students and English Language Learners. (new course)
Add TESL 592 (3:1:2) ESOL Practicum: Working with English Language Learners. (new course)

Department of Health and Physical Education
Modify ATRN 561 (2) Advanced Emergency Care to change course number to ATRN 361. (modify course)
The General Education Committee met on October 30, 2008. The following items were approved by the committee and need Academic Council approval:

1. A proposal to move the course ANTH 220: *Introduction to Archaeology* from the list of life science courses to the list of earth science courses meeting the Natural Science requirements.

2. A proposal to add the course GEOL 225X: *Fundamentals of Soil Science* to the list of courses meeting the Natural Science requirements.

3. A proposal to add the course PHIL 575: *Business Ethics* (cross-listed with MGMT 575) to the list of courses meeting the Humanities and Arts requirements.