

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
 November 6, 2009

Academic Council met on Friday, November 6, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in 308 Tillman Hall.

Members:

Mark Hamilton, Chair	Visual & Performing Arts	Dave Pretty	Arts & Sciences
Keith Benson	Business Administration	Frank Pullano	Arts & Sciences
Chad Dresbach	Visual & Performing Arts	Carol Shields	Education
Rebecca Evers	Education	Julian Smith	Arts & Sciences
Matthew Fike	Arts & Sciences	Marilyn Smith	Business Administration
Mel Horton	Education	Sue Spencer	Education
Kelly James*	Arts & Sciences	Gale Teaster-Woods	Library
Will Kiblinger*	Arts & Sciences	Will Thacker	Computer Science
Hemant Patwardhan	Business Administration	Jarod Ashton Fincher	CSL Student
		Timothy Drueke, Sec.	Registrar

* Absent

Guests present: Sean Blackburn, Tim Daugherty, Gina Jones, and Gloria Jones.

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by Chair Hamilton.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the October 2, 2009 meeting were approved via email.

II. Chair's Remarks

Chair Hamilton related a question he had posed to Dr. Moore regarding how to utilize the experience of the members of the Council to do more than just approve curriculum. In particular, we posed the question of how we can make things better for our students.

III. Report from Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dr. Moore was not in attendance as he was at the Board of Trustees Meeting.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

Rebecca Evers, Chair of CUI, reported that the committee met on October 27 at 11:00 a.m.

The following items were presented to the Council for approval.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Department of Human Nutrition

Modify BS in Human Nutrition-Dietetics to **delete** SPCH 201 as the required oral communication requirement. (**modify program**)

Modify BS in Human Nutrition-Food Systems Management to **delete** SPCH 201 as the required oral communication requirement. (**modify program**)

Modify BS in Human Nutrition-Nutrition Science to **delete** SPCH 201 as the required oral communication requirement. (**modify program**)

The modifications to the programs in Human Nutrition were approved.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics

Modify BA in Economics to **delete** CSCI 110 as an option in Technology (no longer offered); and to **delete** the one course requirement of PLSC 320, 321, 323, or GEOG 302 and **replace** it with another ECON course. (**modify program**)

Modify the minor in Economics to allow students to **delete** the additional list of pre-selected courses and **add** any 9 hours of ECON above 299. (**modify program**)

The modifications to the major and minor in Economics were approved.

The following items did not require action by the Council.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Department of English

Modify WRIT 501 (3) Writing for Electronic Publication to **change** title to Writing for New Media. (**modify course**)

Department of History

Modify HIST 300 (3) Historiography and Methodology to make pre-requisites and co-requisites (CRTW 201, HIST 211 and 212, and two from HIST 111, 112, and 113, or permission of instructor) the same. (**Prerequisite and co-requisite change**)

Department of Political Science

Add AAMS 319 (3) Race and Ethnic Politics in the United States (**new course**)

Add PLSC 319 (3) Race and Ethnic Politics in the United States (new course)

Department of Sociology

Modify ANTH 540 (3) Ecological Anthropology to change title to Human Ecology. (modify course)

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics

Modify ACCT 280 (3) Accounting Information for Business Decisions to change prerequisites from “MATH 101, 105, 150 or 151 and CSCI 101 and CSCI 101B and two of CSCI 101A, C or P” to “CSCI 101B and one of MATH 101, 105, 150 or 151.” (modify course)

Modify ECON 315 (3) Microeconomic Analysis to change prerequisites from “ECON 215 and ECON 216” to “ECON 215 and ECON 216 and either MATH 105 or MATH 201 or permission of instructor.” (modify course)

Modify ECON 415 (3) Managerial Economics to change prerequisites from “ECON 215” to “ECON 215 and either MATH 105, MATH 201 or permission of instructor.” (modify course)

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Add LEAD 120A (1) Theory and Practice of Residential Leadership (new course)

Add LEAD 120B (1) Theory and Practice of Peer Mentor Leadership (new course)

Add LEAD 120C (1) Theory and Practice of Orientation Leadership (new course)

The following courses were not approved by CUI.

International Studies Committee

Add INAS 383 (3) Exploring a Foreign Culture (new course)

Concerns with justification: what staff member can teach this course?

Concern with this being a 3-credit-hour course.

University College

Add LEAD 120 (1) Theory and Practice of Leadership (new course)

Course seemed to be a duplicate of LEAD 120 A, B, and C and therefore not needed.

The Council discussed LEAD 120 and during discussion decided to modify the course number to LEAD 120D based on information provided by Gloria Jones and Tim Daugherty from University College. This course will be used for Leadership courses not covered by the three regular offerings. The course was approved with the change to the course number.

B. General Education

Will Thacker presented the report from the General Education Committee.

The General Education committee met on October 16. The committee discussed the process and procedures for recertifying the courses for the Touchstone Program. The committee decided on three outcomes for recertification: ACCEPT, REJECT, and ACCEPT WITH GUIDANCE. The “accept with guidance” category would be for applications that do not satisfactorily address the assessment issues. The “with guidance” aspect will be handled by representatives from University College who will educate the appropriate people about what is needed for the assessment section of a general education course so there will not be similar issues for the next recertification.

During discussion of the report concern was expressed by several Council members regarding recertification as opposed to approval or rejection of courses, since approval is not delegated to the General Education Committee. The council also requested the Gen Ed Committee report all decisions on recertification, not just the courses approved. Dr. Thacker did report that it is the Committee’s thought that any rejected courses would be resubmitted. Rejection usually will occur only if the recertification materials are incomplete. During discussion the Council moved and seconded to require the General Education Committee report include all three categories of outcomes. The motion was approved.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Choice of Catalog

The following modification to the catalog section on Choice of Catalog was presented per the request of the Council from the September 11, 2009 meeting.

A regular undergraduate student may obtain a degree in accordance with the requirements set forth in the catalog in force at the time of the student’s initial enrollment as a regular undergraduate student at Winthrop, provided that the student has not been absent from active enrollment for a continuous period of twelve months or more; or the student may elect to obtain a degree in accordance with the requirements of any catalog issued after the initial enrollment, provided the student was enrolled as a regular undergraduate student in Winthrop at the time the catalog was issued and has not subsequently been absent from active enrollment for a continuous period of 12 months or more. When a student has been absent for a period of 12 months or more, he or she must fulfill the requirements of the catalog in force at the time of re-enrollment or a subsequent catalog in force during enrollments.

Students who are absent from the university for more than 12 months due to military service may elect to retain the catalog they were following at the time of leaving for active duty. In all cases, a student is restricted in choice to the requirements of a specific catalog and must graduate within a period of eight years from the date the catalog was issued to claim the rights of that catalog.

If any course required in the catalog specified is not offered after the student specifying the catalog has accumulated 87 semester hours, the University reserves the right to substitute another course. In all cases, if a course has been officially dropped from the course offerings, the University provides a substitute course.

The Council moved and seconded to approve the proposed modification. The modification was approved.

B. Dual Degree/Double major issues

Chair Hamilton revisited the topic that was explored by the Council last year. He asked Beth Costner (last year's chair) to outline her concerns. He reported Dr. Costner had noted issues with regard to total hour requirements for dual degrees (154 in most cases) and Double majors (usually just 124). Discussion continued regarding the 30-hours beyond the first degree requirement for a second degree and for two degrees being earned simultaneously. Will Thacker volunteered to form a group to look at the 30-hour requirement. Also mentioned during discussion was the possibility of a personalized major. Keith Benson and Dave Pretty volunteered to review other institutions' programs.

VI. New Business

There was no new business.

VII. Announcements

Rebecca Evers announced that CUI will meet on Study Day.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for January 8 or 15, 2010. Chair Hamilton will let the Council know the exact date since both have potential conflicts.

Having completed all items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy A. Drueke
Secretary