Academic Council met on Friday, September 11, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in 308 Tillman Hall.

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* Absent

Guests present: Gloria Jones, Tom Moore, and Marilyn Sarow.

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

I. Minutes

The minutes of the April 10, 2009 meeting were approved with one correction: Will Kiblingier was also in attendance as a guest.

II. Chair’s Remarks

Chair Hamilton welcomed all to the Council and the start of another year. He noted it was interesting that many of the new members to the Council are returning for another term after being away for awhile. He also noted that this will be an interesting year as we prepare for the new faculty governance. He indicated we could have many opportunities this year to be proactive and advance the goals of the faculty as we go through the SACS review process and all other projects over the year.
III. Report from Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dr. Moore noted he has spent a lot of time thinking about where we are as an institution. We are at a very different place today than we were last year, 2 years and ten years ago; and we will be a different place another year from now. He related how President DiGiorgio has described Winthrop as reaching a level of maturity as an institution, in its programs, student body, etc. This includes starting the new faculty governance next year with the beginning of a greater level of participation of faculty in the governance of the university than at any time in his entire time here at Winthrop.

Dr. Moore related a couple items he gleaned from reading *The Shift Age* by David Houle. The author noted that the there were three diving forces in the last 3 decades: digital connectivity, globalization, and individualization. These changes are evident in our students and we need to keep them in mind as we look at how and what our students are learning. The other major factor for us to consider is the decreasing state support for Winthrop. With the latest reduction, Winthrop receives 13.1% of its operating revenue from the State of South Carolina. We need to look for and at opportunities to take our ideas to new levels. Dr. Moore closed by telling the council things are moving along, to have a good year, think creatively, and look to the future.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

Rebecca Evers, Chair of CUI presented the report. She introduced CUI members Marilyn Smith, Dave Pretty and Chad Dresbach. She noted the next meeting will be on October 27, in Kinard 319. The following items were presented for approval:

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Department of History

Modify Bachelor of Arts in History-Certification to add GEOG 201, 303 or 304 as possible courses in the major. (modify program)

The modification to the BA in History with certification was approved.

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

Department of Management and Marketing

Add minor in Professional Business. (new program)

The addition of the Professional Business minor was approved.
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Department of Fine Arts
Modify Bachelor of Arts in Art Certification to add ARTT 200 Foundation Review and ARTH 454 as Intensive Writing (to be determined by Gen Ed committee.) (Modify program)

Department of Theatre and Dance
Modify Bachelor of Arts in Dance Certification to drop DANT 260 and add THRT 115. (modify program)
Modify Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Certification to accommodate THRA 160 changing from a one credit to a three credit course, to replace THRA 170 and 171 with THRT 115; to drop all required design courses; and to add as electives 6 credits of design courses chosen from a menu. (modify program)

The modifications to the BA in Art with Certification, the BA in Dance with Certification and the BA in Theatre with Certification were approved.

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

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Department of History
Drop HIST 300L (0) Historiography and Methodology Lab. Course requirements will fit into the three hour course with no need for the extra hour. (drop course)
Add HIST 473 (3) Undergraduate Research in History (new course)

Department of Human Nutrition
Modify NUTR 520 (3) Sports Nutrition to change prerequisites from “NUTR 221” to NUTR 221 and BIOL 308.” (modify course)

Department of Mathematics
Drop MATH 302H(3) Honors Calculus IV. Dropping this course is the result of the change to a three-course calculus sequence. (drop course)

Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Add ANTH 326 (3) Native Peoples & Environment. (new course)
Modify GRNT 440 (3) Internship in Gerontology to change pre-requisite from “Minoring in Gerontology or pursuing Gerontology certificate (minimum 80-hour placement), approval from coordinator of the program and GRNT 300” to “Minoring in Gerontology or pursuing Gerontology certificate (minimum 150-hour placement; placement must be set up before GRNT440 course enrollment), approval from coordinator of the program and GRNT 300.” (modify course)

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Department of Fine Arts
Add ARTH 353 (3) Arts of Oceania. (new course)
Department of Music

Modify MUSA 151 (1:3) Winthrop Glee Club to change name to Winthrop Collegiate Choir, to drop the pre-requisite “Permission of the instructor is required even though there is no audition,” and to update the catalog description. (modify course)

Modify MUST 112 (3) Music Theory II to change pre-requisite from “MUST 111” to “MUST 111 with a grade of C (2.0) or better.” (modify course)

Modify MUST 113 (1) Aural Skills I to add the prerequisite “Passing score on the Music Theory Entrance Examination or successful completion of MUST 101.” (modify course)

Modify MUST 114(1) Aural Skills II to change prerequisite from “MUST113” to “MUST 113 with a grade of C (2.0) or better.” (modify course)

Modify MUST 211 (3) Music Theory III change prerequisite from “MUST 112” to “MUST 112 with a grade of C (2.0) or higher.” (modify course)

Modify MUST 212 (3) Music Theory IV to change prerequisite from “MUST 211” to “MUST 211 with a grade of C (2.0) or higher.” (modify course)

Modify MUST 213 (1) Aural Skills III to change prerequisite from “MUST 114 or consent of the Instructor” to “MUST 114 with a grade of C (2.0) or better.” (modify course)

Modify MUST 214 (1) Aural Skills IV to change prerequisite from “MUST 213 or consent of the Instructor” to “MUST 213 with a grade of C (2.0) or better.” (modify course)

Department of Theatre and Dance

Drop DANT 260 (3) Dance Production. Being replaced by THRT 115. (drop course)

Modify DCED 342 (3:2:2) Dance Pedagogy: Modern, Jazz, Ballet to change prerequisites from “DANT 372 and three of the following: DANA 112, 122, 211, 212, 221, 222, 311 and 312, or permission of instructor” to “DANA 212, 222, 251 or permission of instructor.” (modify course)

Modify THRA 160 (1) Stage Make-Up to change credit hours to (3) (modify course)

C. General Education

Will Thacker presented the report from the General Education committee.

The General Education committee met on August 28. One course was approved to be added to the General Education program but was not included on the agenda for this meeting. It will be added to the agenda for the next meeting. He also reported on the new forms available for use to request the addition of a course to the General Education program and for the recertification of currently approved courses. Department chairs will be notified regarding the recertification process.

IV. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.
VI. New Business

A. General Education Program Assessment Process

Gloria Jones, Dean of University College publicly thanked the departments of Physical Education, Sport and Human Performance; Design and English for submitting writing samples for evaluation and assessment towards meeting General Education writing goals. Winthrop now needs to recertify all courses approved in the program and set up a process for continual recertification. The General Education Committee will be handling the review with assistance from University College. As faculty you may be called upon to provide writing samples for further reviews. Some time was spent discussing Academic Council’s role in the recertification process. It was recommended that the results of the recertification process be reported to the Council like CUI course actions. These would come for reporting purposes, and may be acted upon by the Council, but action would not be required.

B. Policy Issues

Marilyn Sarow, Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs discussed the project of moving all paper based policies to the web. These will all be in a searchable format and will include faculty manual policies and those from the catalogs and other sources. She presented two policies for discussion: Program Review and Withdrawal due to Active Duty Military mobilization. After a brief discussion regarding the Program review process as outlined in the faculty manual, it was decided that it needed to be referred to the Rules Committee of Faculty Conference. The motion to refer to the Rules Committee passed.

The military withdrawal policy was also discussed briefly, particularly in relation to the requirement for students who are absent from the University over a year move to the catalog requirements in effect at the time of their return. During discussion the Council agreed the appropriate change is with the choice of catalog policy in the catalog. The Registrar volunteered to review the choice of catalog policy and submit a proposed change to be addressed at the next meeting.

VII. Announcements

The next meeting will be on October 2, 2009.

Vice President Moore informed the Council that next year will be Winthrop’s 125th, celebrations and commemorations will be planned, many more details will follow.

Frank Pullano, part of the SACS – QEP committee asked the Council to be sure to respond to the QEP survey that will be announced via email in the near future.

Gloria Jones reminded the Council to note the many Common Book events scheduled in the next weeks and to encourage all to attend.

Having completed all items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 3:31 P.M.
Respectfully submitted,

Timothy A. Drueke
Secretary