

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
 September 30, 2011

Academic Council met on Friday, September 30, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room B, MacFeat Building.

Members:

David Beatty	Visual & Performing Arts
Keith Benson	Business Administration
John Bird	Arts & Sciences
Matthew Fike	Arts & Sciences
Kambrell Garvin*	CSL Student Representative
Mark Hamilton	Visual & Performing Arts
Lisa Harris	Education
Jennifer Jordan	Education
Will Kiblinger, Chair	Arts & Sciences
Jo Koster	Arts & Sciences
Willis Lewis	Business Administration
Ron Parks*	Visual & Performing Arts
Frank Pullano	Arts & Sciences
Darren Ritzer	Arts & Sciences
Carol Shields	Education
Marilyn Smith*	Business Administration
Gale Teaster-Woods	Library
Brad Tripp	Arts & Sciences
Gina Jones, Secretary	Registrar

* Absent

Guests present: Debra Boyd, Alice Burmeister, Bill Click, Tim Drueke, and Peter Judge.

Chair Will Kiblinger called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Introductions of committee members were made.

I. Minutes of the meeting of April 15, 2011--approved

II. Remarks from the Chair Will Kiblinger

Chair Kiblinger welcomed everyone to the committee. He stated that he felt a burden had been lifted from Academic Council now that SACS was complete. He suggested that the council could take on issues for which they could find solutions. He extended an open invitation to what these issues might be.

Dr. Kiblinger gave a "heads up" on two issues that the council may see in the near future:

1. GPA for probation, which is currently being discussed.
2. Assessment and where it is going and the idea of a university-wide "assessment day."

III. Remarks from the VPAA.....Debra Boyd

Dr. Boyd stated that she hoped the council and faculty will use the VPAA office as a resource for what they are doing. She is interested in finding out what the needs are and addressing them. Faculty time is valuable, and she wants faculty to feel free to ask for help.

The VPAA office is trying to get some things in order after the frenzy of SACS, ABET, etc. She asked what her office can do to help faculty save time—what resources are needed? Dr. Boyd then commented on the impressive Blackboard presentation on analytics when Dr. Benson asked about interpreting reports.

IV. Report from the Committee on University Curriculum.....Jo Koster

Dr. Koster brought six programs to the council for approval: the addition of the BA in Theatre-Musical Theatre, a modification to the BS in Athletic Training, a modification to the BS in Family and Consumer Sciences, a modification to the BS in Integrated Marketing Communication, a modification to the minor in Biology, and the dropping of the BS in Nutrition-Food Systems Management program. **All were approved.**

Dr. Pullano questioned the quantitative skills requirement for the MCOM 241 modification as MATH 151 had been left out as a prerequisite. Dr. Koster stated that CUC had asked the department to add this course as a prerequisite, and this will be corrected in the Course Action System.

V. Report from the General Education Committee.....John Bird

Dr. Bird requested the approval of the two courses brought to the Gen Ed committee for certification: EDUC 200 and MATH 400. The Council approved both.

Dr. Shields asked how EDUC could be approved as a Gen Ed course without having been approved through CUC yet. Dr. Koster explained that this was a simultaneous process.

Dr. Bird then asked about the automatic emails sent as “Academic Council Chair.” Ms. Jones explained that all Academic Council members are set up with “view only” privileges as chairs, but only Chair Kiblinger has approval privileges. The “view only” privilege is so that committee members can view the curriculum actions after they have been approved by CUC.

VI. Unfinished Business—none

VII. New Business

Chair Kiblinger asked for two charges to the Gen Ed Committee: to look at integrating the Gen Ed student goals and objectives with the University Level Competencies, and to make recommendations as to what certifications and recertifications will entail, including how the assessment process will go.

Dr. Boyd thinks these are great things to do and good next steps.

The council approved these charges.

VIII. Announcements

Mr. Drueke alerted Academic Council of the new teacher education core.

Dr. Koster asked that departments put comments on the Curriculum Action System that indicated when approvals take place.

Dr. Pullano reminded the council of midterm grading. Dr. Boyd encouraged this also as it helps with retention.

Dr. Boyd also announced that she would be sending an email to faculty regarding attendance for federal financial aid purposes. \$8.1 million in financial aid funds is affected.

IX. Adjournment

Chair Kiblinger adjourned the council at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Jones, Registrar

Academic Council approved:

Degree	Major	Conc.	College	Department	Action
BA	THTR	MTR	VPA	Theatre and Dance	NEW PROGRAM.
BS	ATRN		EDUC	PESH	MODIFY PROGRAM: Add ATRN 381 and Remove NUTR 221, NUTR 520, ATRN 101, ATRN 481 from Athletic Training Core; Require one course from NUTR 520, EXSC 485, EXSC 511, PHED 510, PHED 525
BS	FMCS		EDUC	Curriculum and Instruction	MODIFY PROGRAM: Increase the credit hours for FACS 495 from 3 credits to 6 credits has been submitted; Reduce number of required electives by 3 credits
BS	NUTR	FSMG	ASC	Human Nutrition	DROP PROGRAM.
Minor	Title			Department	Action
BIOL	Biology			Biology	MODIFY PROGRAM: BIOL 150/151 or BIOL 203/204 used to complete requirements but not both