

# Academic Council

## *A G E N D A*

**Friday,  
September 27, 2013**

**2 PM**

**MacFeat  
Conference Room B**



- Welcome & Introductions—Jo Koster
- Approval of April 12, 2013, Minutes  
(circulated by e-mail)
- Report from the Provost/Vice-President  
for Academic Affairs—Debra Boyd
- Committee on University Curriculum  
(material attached)—Will Thacker
- General Education Curriculum Committee  
(material attached)—Brad Tripp
- Report from the CSL—Chris Aubrie
- Old Business
- New Business
  - Question About Using Major Courses in  
the Minor (material attached)—Gina  
Jones
  - Report from the General Education  
Review Taskforce—Gloria Jones
  - Conversation on Academic Integrity  
and ULC #2—Jo Koster
- Announcements
- Next Meeting: Friday, November 15;  
agenda items due by Friday, November 8

## **Minutes from April 12, 2013 meeting**

Attached

### **Committee on University Curriculum:**

Actions from the 9/20/2013 meeting attached

### **General Education Curriculum Committee**

Courses recertified for the Touchstone Program:

- GEOG 201
- PHIL 220
- PHIL 230
- RELG 317
- ELEM 362

### **New Business**

#### **Questions about using courses from the major in the minor: Gina Jones**

Many colleges do not have a public policy on whether a major and minor can share courses. Some schools say no major/minor overlap (regardless of degree program); some say if the minor is required, then there can be no overlap. In the College of Arts and Sciences portion of the catalog, there is a statement that students pursuing a BS or BSW degree may elect a minor and that the major courses can be used in the minor. That leaves BFA, BM, and BME as the degrees not mentioned in the major/minor overlap.

#### **Minors at other colleges and their Regulations**

##### **Clemson**

A minor consists of at least 15 semester hours, with no fewer than nine credits at the 300 level or higher. A student cannot major and minor in the same field or acquire a minor that is not allowed by the degree program. **In programs that require a minor, courses may not be used to fulfill both the major and minor requirements.** Courses that count towards a student's major, but are outside the major's course rubric, may also be used to fulfill minor requirements.

##### **UNCW**

Different departments have different requirements for minors. Some specify that there cannot be overlap within major and minor requirements; some have no such specification.

##### **University of Alabama**

The use of the same course to satisfy specific requirements in the major and minor is not permitted. However, courses that are used to satisfy General Education Requirements can be used to complete major or minor requirements. Ancillary courses required for the major may be used to satisfy requirements in the minor or in the second major.

### ***Second Minor***

Students may minor in two subjects, with the following provisions:

1. One minor may be selected from approved minors in other divisions.
2. There is no duplication of coursework used to complete the two minor programs or the major and minors.

### **Eastern Kentucky University**

A student may not declare a minor with the same subject matter (course prefix) as his/her declared major program of study. The same course credit may be applied for both major core or supporting requirements and a student's minor. A minor course that is a required part of major core cannot also be used to fulfill a general education requirement.

### **Coastal Carolina University**

Courses used to count toward the minor cannot be used to satisfy major requirements.

### **UGA**

Courses taken to satisfy Core Areas I through V may not be counted as course work in the minor. Courses taken in Core Area VI may be counted as course work in the minor. The intent of establishing minor fields of study is to offer students the opportunity to broaden their education through the minor field. The selection of a minor field of study should be made to fulfill this goal.

The department shall make available to students the requirements for the minor--the total number of hours required, along with the enumeration of any particular courses that are mandated or excluded, residency requirements (if any) for the minor courses, and grade requirements for minor courses if those requirements differ from the general University standard for credit (a D as the minimum passing grade). *The University Curriculum Committee has determined that if a course satisfies a major requirement it cannot also be used to satisfy course requirements in the minor field of study.*