

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
 October 8, 2004

Academic Council met on Friday, October 8, 2004 at 2:00 pm in 308 Tillman Hall.

Members:

Frank Pullano, Chair	Mathematics
Pat Ballard	Library
John Bird	English
Shaun Cassidy	Art & Design
Clarence Coleman	Accounting
Jennifer Disney	Political Science
Ray Dockery*	Education
Barbara Heinemann	Modern Languages
Jo Koster	English
Paul Martyka	Art & Design

Christine Maxwell	Education
Sue Peck	Education
David Pretty	History
Mesgun Sebhatu*	Physics
William Seyfried*	Economics
Will Thacker	Computer Science
Bruce Thompson	Music
Richard Fowler	Student
Timothy Drucke	Records/Regis.

* Absent

Donald Friedman represented Barbara Heineman and Martin Hughes represented Bruce Thompson.

Guests present: Jack DeRochi, Karen Jones, Tom Moore, and Marilyn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm by Chair Pullano.

I. Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2004 meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote.

II. Chair's Remarks

Chair Pullano had no remarks.

III. Vice President of Academic Affairs' remarks

Vice President Moore had no remarks

IV Committee Reports

A. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

Jo Koster reported on the following items approved by CUI at their September 29 meeting.

Items approved by CUI – No Academic Council action required

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Committee of Women's Studies

Modify Women's Studies minor to include ENGL 310H (3) Women and Medieval Literature (offered in Fall 2004 ONLY) as part of the elective courses in the sequence "Choose 9-15 hours from: ARTH 477, ENGL 330, HLTH 507, HIST 310, PLSC 337, 371, 553, PSYC 504, WMST 450" (modify minor).

Department of Political Science

Modify the BA in Political Science by:

Add PLSC 509 (3) Modern China to Comparative/IR sequence for BA degree in Political Science (modify degree requirements).

Department of Sociology

Change ANTH 322 (3) Ancient Civilization of the Americas to add "Prerequisite: ANTH 201 (3), Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (prerequisite change).

CUI referred back to Arts & Sciences the following items because they have already been adopted in the 2004-2005 Catalog. (Since these only affect previous catalogs, they need to be handled by blanket petition; Sarah Stallings will initiate those.)

Department of Human Nutrition

Modify the BS in Human Nutrition Dietetics option by dropping CHEM 522 (1) Nutritional Biochemistry Lab from the program requirements for (program change).

Department of Political Science

Modify the BA in Political Science by:

Add PLSC 317 African-American Politics to the American Government sequence for BA degree in Political Science (modify degree requirements).

Add PLSC 518 (3) Politics of the American South to the American Government sequence for BA degree in Political Science (modify degree requirements).

Add PLSC 524H, Media and Health Politics to the Public Policy and Administration sequence for BA degree in Political Science (modify degree requirements).

Add PLSC 551 African-American Political Thought to the Theory sequence for BA degree in Political Science (modify degree requirements).

Dr. Koster also distributed a table reminding the Council of the deadlines for approving courses for the General Education program. Faculty Conference approved these deadlines last year. It was requested that she share the table with the department chairs and deans. Dr. Koster indicated she would send it out to them via email.

B. General Education

Sue Peck reported for the General Education committee. Dr. Peck submitted a proposal from the Committee regarding the evaluation of courses from the Technical Colleges in South Carolina towards the new general education program. During discussion it was moved and seconded to amend the proposal by including the College Student Services Office in the process for numbering transfer equivalencies. The amendment passed. The new sentence reads: "The course numbering of the transfer courses will be determined by the departments, through the college student services office, in consultation with the Registrar's office." Discussion then focused on the November 1 deadline in the proposal. The timing of the date with the existing review process and a preferred spring date were discussed. It was moved and seconded to amend the proposal by changing the date from "November 1, 2004" to "the first Friday in February." The amendment passed. After further discussion regarding courses that may be presented in transfer in the interim, the full proposal passed. The approved version of the proposal:

Departments should evaluate the courses under their purview in the articulation agreement with the two-year colleges in South Carolina so as to recommend which courses should be considered as satisfying the relevant area(s) in the General Education program and which should not (note: only transfer courses that do not already transfer in as an equivalent course at Winthrop should be considered). The recommendations should be submitted to the General Education committee for its approval no later than the first Friday in February. This does not alter the writing component required by the General Education program (recall the rules pertaining to transferring in of courses for General Education credit that do not have a writing component). The course numbering of the transfer courses will be determined by the departments, through the college student services office, in consultation with the Registrar's office. When a course does not fall under the purview of a particular department, the General Education committee will exercise jurisdiction over the course. A similar approach should be applied to all relevant articulation agreements.

V. Old Business

Cultural Events

Chair Pullano shared an email from Annie-Laurie Wheat, Chair of the Cultural Events committee updating the council on the progress of the updating of the guidelines for cultural events. The Cultural Events committee hopes to have a draft of the new materials for the next Council meeting.

VI. New Business

None

VII. Announcements

Tim Drueke reminded the Council of the dates for Spring 2005 Advising and Registration. Advising will begin on October 19, 2004, with registration beginning on November 3, 2004.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy A. Drueke
Secretary