

**WINTHROP UNIVERSITY**  
**ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES**  
 April 8, 2005

Academic Council met on Friday, April 8, 2005 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
Rebecca Evers	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 Druke	Records/Regis.

\* Absent

Guests present: Siobhan Brownson, Alice Burmeister, Bill Click, Michael Cornick, and Chad Dresbach

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm by Chair Pullano.

**I. Minutes**

The minutes of the February 18, 2005 meeting were approved by email.

**II. Chair's Remarks**

Chair Pullano thanked everyone for a great year and especially thanked Jo Koster and Bill Seyfried for all they did as chairs of CUI and the General Education Committee.

**III. Vice President of Academic Affairs' remarks**

VPAA Moore was unable to attend due to the concurrent meeting of the Board of Trustees.

**IV. Committee Reports**

***A. University Task Force on Academic and Institutional Integrity***

Alice Burmeister, Chair, reported on the accomplishments of the Task Force over the past two years. She first thanked the current Council members who are on the Task Force: Dave Pretty, John Bird and Tim Drueke. Dr. Burmeister reported on the data collected using the surveys of the faculty and students last spring semester. She also reported on the two events sponsored by the Task Force. On Tuesday, April 5, 2005, the Task Force held a panel discussion where the survey findings were reviewed and a panel of Winthrop faculty staff and students discussed the notions of academic integrity. On Tuesday, April 12, 2005, the Task Force will sponsor a presentation by Dan Wueste, Director of the Robert J. Rutland Center for Ethics at Clemson University. Dr. Burmeister will be visiting with Dr. Moore regarding the future of the Task Force.

### ***B. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction***

Jo Koster, Chair of the Committee on Undergraduate Instruction, presented the following items for approval.

## **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

### **Department of Chemistry:**

**Modify** BS degree in Chemistry, Biochemistry Program of Study to require a two-semester research project - CHEM 551-552 (6) Research I and II - and require BIOL 315 (4) Cell Biology and either BIOL 310 (4) Microbiology or BIOL 317 (3) Genetics and drop four-hour requirement of BIOL 521 (4) Cytogenetics or BIOL 522 (4) Immunology or BIOL 555(4) Molecular Biology or BIOL 324 (4) Anatomy and Physiology.

### **Department of English:**

**Modify** BA English with certification to drop ENGL 203, 207, 211 and 305 (12) and add ENG 203, 208, 211, 305 (12) to requirements in major (program modification).

**Modify** BA English, Writing Track to drop ENGL 207 (3) and add ENGL 208 (3) to requirements in major (program modification).

**Modify** BA English, Language and Literature Track to drop ENGL 203 or both ENGL 201 and 202 (3-6), ENGL 207 or both ENGL 205 and 206 (3-6), and ENGL 211 or both ENGL 209 and 210 (3-6) and add ENGL 203 (3), ENGL 208 (3) and ENGL 211 (3) to requirements in major (program modification).

**Modify** minor in English to add ENGL 208 (3) to six hour elective sequence (minor modification).

### **Department of Mass Communications**

**Drop** minors in Mass Communications.

### **Department of Political Science**

**Modify** Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Public Policy Concentration, program electives to include PLSC 302 (3) Government and Politics of South Carolina, PLSC 315 (3) Urban Politics, PLSC 512 (3) Politics of Education, and PLSC 524H (3) Health, Media and Public Policy (modify major in the Public Policy Concentration)

## **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

### **Department of Accounting, Finance, & Economics**

**Add** new option, Personal Financial Planning, in the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

## **RILEY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

### **Department of Curriculum and Instruction**

**Create** new designator, FACS, Family and Consumer Sciences.

**Modify** Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences: Criteria for admission to the degree: Require a 2.25 or higher cumulative GPA for any student to enter and remain in the BS in Family and Consumer Sciences. Add the option of a minor in Human Resource Management. Correct the Science component for general education (current catalog lists two life sciences). Students may choose one course from the Earth or Physical groups and BIOL 150/151.

**Modify** Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education: Drop MATH 101 or 141 and replace with new course, MATH 393, Algebra, Data Analysis, and Geometry Concepts for Teachers (3) in the Logic/Language category of General Education. Course title changes for MATH 291 and 292 also were made by the Math Department. Drop electives from the program (1-3 credits) which are above the University requirement of 124 hours.

### **Department of Health and Physical Education**

**Modify** Bachelor of Science in Sport Management: Drop as a program requirement: PHED 380, History of Sport (3) and SPMA 225, Apprenticeship in Sport Management (1). Add as a program requirement: SPMA 255, Writing and Research in Sport Management (3). Add as a program requirement: SPMA 235, Sport Event Management (3)—course description changing with an added lab requirement. Add Probationary stage and Fully Admitted stage progress requirements. Both stages require minimum GPA, course completion and supplemental admission applications.

## **COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS**

### **Department of Music**

**Correct program requirement:** MUSA 156 (Chamber Winds) was inadvertently listed as fulfilling the major ensemble requirement in the

2004-05 catalog. The BA MUSC, BME INST, and BM PERF degrees were affected. ***Change is to remove MUSA 156 from the Major Ensemble requirement of all those degrees.***

All items presented were approved by the Council by voice vote.

**The following items were approved by CUI; no Academic Council action was required.**

## **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

### **Department of Communication Disorders**

Drop **SPCH 304 (3) Small Group Communication.**

### **Department of English:**

**Add** ENGL 208 (3) Foundations of World Literature (new course).

**Change** ENGL 203 (3) Survey of British Literature description **from** "Study of selected major British authors from the medieval period to the present including Chaucer, Shakespeare, Milton, Swift, Wordsworth, Dickens, Browning, Yeats and Joyce" **to** "Study of the major periods, literary forms, and issues that characterize British literature, with a consideration of representative major works and authors over the course of British literary history".

**Change** ENGL 211 (3) Survey of American Literature description **from** "Study of selected major American authors from the Puritans and the American Renaissance through Twain to the contemporary period" **to** "Study of the major periods, literary forms, and issues that characterize American literature, with a consideration of representative major works and authors over the course of American literary history."

### **Department of Mathematics:**

Drop MATH 140 (3).

### **Department of Modern Language:**

Drop FREN 203 (1) Aller et Retour : A Short Tour to a French Speaking Country (change credit hour).

**Add** FREN 210 (3) Special Topics in Language and Culture (change credit hour).

Drop FREN 210 (2) Special Topics in Language and Culture (change credit hour).

**Add** FREN 280 (3) French Film (change credit hour).

Drop FREN 280 (2) French Film (change credit hour).

### **Department of Psychology**

**Add** PSYC 463 (3) Academic Internship in Psychology (new course)

## **RILEY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

### **Department of Curriculum and Instruction**

**Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences--**

#### **Drop:**

VCED 211, Garment Design and Structure I (3)

VCED 231, Children and Families (2)

VCED 340, Cooperative Internship Experience (3)  
VCED 381, Intermediate Textiles (3)  
VCED 401, Consumer and Economic Problems of the Family (3)  
VCED 500, Contemporary Issues: Family Living, the Community and the Professional (3)  
VCED 501, Residential Technology (3)

**Add:**

FACS 211, Apparel Design and Construction (3)  
FACS 231, Children and Families (2)  
FACS 340, Cooperative Internship Experience (3)  
FACS 381, Textiles (3)  
FACS 401, Consumer Economics and Resource Management (3)  
FACS 500, Contemporary Issues of Families, Communities and Professions (3)  
FACS 501, Residential Technology (3)

**Drop** VCED 573, Cooperative Education (3)

**Add** SCED 573, Career Education (3)

**Department of Health and Physical Education**

**Drop** SPMA 235, Sport Event Management (3)

**Add** SPMA 235, Sport Event Management (3)—new course description with added lab requirement.

**Change** SPMA 493, Internship in Sport Management (12) from letter grade to S/U.

**COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS**

**Department of Art & Design**

**Add** ARTE 528 (3), Foundations of Art Education. This course is currently cross-listed as ARTE 549 and ARTE 649. Those course numbers will be dropped.

**Drop** ARTE 549 (3), Foundations of Art Education. Students will be in ARTE 528 and course will no longer be cross-listed.

***C. General Education***

Bill Seyfried presented three items from the General Education Committee meeting held on March 24, 2005.

1. Add GEOL 201, Natural Disasters, to the list of courses that meet the earth science requirement in the Natural Science Component of the General Education program. The Council approved the new course as meeting the requirement

2. Remove the sentence in the program requiring each student to complete a course with the General Education Writing Component each academic year. The Committee felt this requirement too difficult to monitor. The Council approved the removal of this statement from the General Education program.
3. The Committee also reviewed the General Education Goals for inclusion in the upcoming catalog. During this review it was noted that the Wellness goal was not being specifically addressed. The Committee felt the goal was being addressed through various ways: in ACAD 101, GNED 102, Health, Nutrition, and Physical Education courses.

Dr. Seyfried thanked the members of the committee, particularly Marilyn Sarow and Paul Martyka who are ending their terms on the Committee. He also noted that Tom Polaski was elected chair of the committee for 2005-2006.

#### ***D. Library of the Future***

Dave Pretty reported on the task given to Peter Judge and him last year to collect responses to the Library of the Future document issued by the Library faculty last year. He was very disappointed in only receiving 5 total responses.

#### **V. Old Business**

##### ***36- Hour Rule for Bachelor of Arts Degrees***

Chair Pullano reported on the discussions of the ad hoc committee formed to review the 36- hour limit on courses in one subject applying to the Bachelor of Arts degree. The committee members (Jennifer Disney, Shaun Cassidy and Frank Pullano) asked the department chairs of the departments offering BA degrees regarding their thoughts on the limit and if it was a problem and needed changing. The Chairs in VPA and Business saw no problems with a potential change in the rule. The Chairs in Arts and Sciences were not in agreement. Some were philosophically against any changes but others noted the practical considerations of such a change. Chair Pullano also reported on his research into the development of the rule, going back into the catalogs and Faculty Conference minutes from the 1940's and 1950's. After brief discussion on the report it was moved and seconded to change the rule to the following:

*Not more than 36 semester hours in any one subject may be applied toward the major for a Bachelor of Arts degree. An additional 6 semester hours in the same subject may be applied toward general electives, general education distribution requirements, or a minor with the exception of the social sciences minor.*

Considerable discussion followed on the rationale of such a change, which students are running into these problems, accrediting body requirements, the comprehensiveness of a BA degree, the notion of a broad Liberal Arts education, and whether 6 hours is really enough of a change. Two friendly amendments were made to the proposal; the first added the word "designator" after "subject" in each sentence and the second specified

that the student has the choice in electing to use the extra hours. The final version of the proposal was:

*Not more than 36 semester hours in any one subject designator may be applied toward the major for a Bachelor of Arts degree. A student may elect to apply an additional 6 semester hours in the same subject designator toward general electives, general education distribution requirements, or a minor with the exception of the social sciences minor.*

The motion to approve the change in the rule passed on a voice vote. The new rule will be voted on by the Faculty Conference at its next meeting.

## **VI. New Business**

Paul Martyka asked the Council to thank Tim Druke, secretary for all his work this past year.

Chair Pullano thanked the outgoing members of the Council: Jo Koster, Paul Martyka, Sue Peck, Christine Maxwell and Mesgun Sebhatu. He then welcomed the new members: Siobhan Brownson, English; Rebecca Evers, Education; Michael Cornick, Business; Chad Dresbach, Art and Design; Linda Schoonmaker, Education; and Tom Polaski, Mathematics. The new members present were asked to take a seat at the table.

Chair Pullano opened the floor for nominations for next year's chair. Frank Pullano was nominated. There were no other nominations and Dr. Pullano was elected by acclamation for a second term as chair of Academic Council.

## **VII. Announcements**

The Council was reminded of the Integrity Task Force's speaker on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 pm in Plowden Auditorium.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.