

AGENDA
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
Friday, November 3, 2006
Tillman 308, 2:00 pm

- I. The October 6, 2006 minutes of Academic Council were approved electronically (see attached).
- II. Remarks from the Chair Tom Polaski
- III. Remarks from the Vice President for Academic Affairs Tom Moore
- IV. Committee Reports
 - Committee on Undergraduate Instruction (see attached) Clarence Coleman
 - General Education Committee (see attached) Chad Dresbach
- V. Unfinished Business
- VI. New Business
 - Maymester enrollment limit (see attached) Tom Moore
- VII. Announcements
- VIII. Adjournment

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
October 6, 2006

Academic Council met on Friday, October 6, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in 308 Tillman Hall.

Members:

Tom Polaski, Chair	Mathematics	Steve Frankforter	Business Administration
Siobhan Brownson	English Business	Bob Gorman*	Library
Clarence Coleman	Administration Business	Susan Green	Pedagogy
Michael Cornick	Administration	Mark Hamilton	Art and Design
Beth Costner*	Mathematics	Lisa Johnson	Education
Litasha Dennis	English	Donna Nelson	Psychology
Jennifer Disney	Political Science	Will Thacker	Computer Science
Chad Dresbach	Art and Design	Bruce Thompson	Music
Rebecca Evers	Education	Hanna Sane*	Chair, CSL (designee)
		Timothy Drueke	Records/Registration

* Absent

Guests present: Tim Daugherty, Mark Herring, and Tom Moore

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

I. Minutes

The minutes of the September 8, 2006 meeting were approved via email.

II. Chair's Remarks

Tom Polaski welcomed Steve Frankforter to the council as he was unable to attend last month's meeting.

III. Vice President of Academic Affairs' Remarks

Vice President Moore indicated the semester is off to a good start from his perspective. He thanked those who are teaching this semester and doing the primary work of our institution. He also mentioned that additional reminders regarding the course withdrawal deadline will be sent to faculty and students.

IV. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports as neither the Committee on Undergraduate Instruction nor the General Education committee met since the last council meeting.

V. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VI. New Business

A. Faculty Governance Review

Chair Polaski requested feedback on the completed Faculty Governance Review form as distributed in the agenda. There was none. Vice President Moore asked the council for feedback on the role of the Academic Council and the possibility of making the council the final authority for most faculty governance matters.

B. Plus/Minus grading

Vice President Moore was asked about the status of the University-wide group that is to convene to discuss the various issues regarding the change to plus/minus grading. Vice President Moore reported the group has been notified, but has not yet met. He encouraged the council to have their departments review their courses and degree programs so they can quickly respond to the committees' inquiries.

VIII. Announcements

Registrar Tim Drueke reminded the council of the upcoming start to advising (October 18) and registration (November 1) for Spring 2007. Reminders will be sent to students and faculty regarding the course withdrawal deadline on October 20.

The next meeting will be on November 3, 2006 at 2:00 pm in Tillman 308.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy A. Drueke
Secretary

Winthrop University

Committee on Undergraduate Instruction Minutes

CUI met at 9:00 a.m. on October 23, 2006, in 208 Thurmond.

Items recommended and forwarded to Academic Council for action: (All items found in the Curriculum Action System)

Teacher Education Committee

Modify BA in Political Science with Certification **to** delete GEOG 103, 104, 306 and **add** GEOG 201, 303, and 304 (**program modification**).

Modify BA in Political Science with Certification to add PLSC 350 to requirements in the major (**program modification**). {This was submitted by paper after the modification above was submitted via the Curriculum Action System. Contact Tim Drueke or Gina Jones if this supporting documentation is needed.}

Gen Ed Committee

Add RELG 335 (3) Buddhism (**new course**)

Add RELG 340 (3) Hinduism (**new course**)

Items approved by CUI—no action by Academic Council required

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Department of Mass Communication

Modify MCOM 241 (3) Media Writing, to require GNED 102 as a prerequisite (**prerequisite change**)

Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies

Change title of RELG 300 (3) **from** Comparative Religions **to** World Religions (**title change**).

RILEY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Department of Curriculum & Instruction

Modify FACS 211(3) Apparel Design and Construction **to** restrict course to Family & Consumer Sciences majors (**prerequisite change**).

Modify FACS 340 A, B, C. (3),(2),(1) Cooperative Internship Experience, **to** restrict course to Family & Consumer Sciences majors(**prerequisite change**).

Modify FACS 381 (3) Textiles **to** restrict course to Family & Consumer Sciences majors (**prerequisite change**).

Modify FACS 401 (3) Consumer Economics and Resource Management **to** restrict course to Family & Consumer Sciences majors (**prerequisite change**).

Modify FACS 501 Residential Technology (3) **to** restrict course to Family & Consumer Sciences majors (**prerequisite change**).

Department of Health & Physical Education

Change course number of PHED 320. Weight Control Through Diet and Exercise (2) **to** PHED 208 (**course renumbering**).

General Education Committee Report to Academic Council November 3, 2006

The General Education Committee met on October 20, 2006. The following items were approved by the committee and need Academic Council approval:

1. A proposal to add the existing course PHYS 256: Musical Acoustics to the list of courses meeting the Natural Science requirement.
2. A proposal to add the existing course PEAC 200: Introduction to Peace, Justice and Conflict Resolution Studies to the list of courses meeting the Humanities and Arts requirement.
3. A proposal to add the new course RELG 335: Buddhism to the lists of courses meeting the Global Experience and Humanities and Arts requirements.
4. A proposal to add the new course RELG 340: Hinduism to the lists of courses meeting the Global Experience and Humanities and Arts requirements.

MOTION FROM ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

That undergraduate students be allowed to enroll for up to six hours in Session A (Maymester) in 2007.

Background: According to the *2006-2007 Undergraduate Catalog*, page 28, “[a]n undergraduate student may not enroll for more than four hours in Session A (Maymester).”