

**WINTHROP UNIVERSITY**  
**ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES**  
November 3, 2006

Academic Council met on Friday, November 3, 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, Tom Moore, Margaret Williamson

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Chair Polaski.

### **I. Minutes**

The minutes of the October 6, 2006 meeting were approved as amended.

### **II. Chair's Remarks**

Chair Polaski welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **III. Vice President of Academic Affairs' Remarks**

Dr. Moore reported Tom Polaski submitted the application for a Phi Beta Kappa chapter and Clarence Coleman was named the Outstanding Accounting Educator by the SC Association of Public Accountants.

### **IV. Committee Reports**

#### ***A. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction***

Clarence Coleman presented the report of the Committee on Undergraduate Instruction. The following items required Council approval:

### **COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES**

#### **Department of Political Science**

**Modify** BA in Political Science with Certification delete GEOG 103, 104, 306 and add GEOG 201, 303, and 304 and to add PLSC 350 to requirements in the major (**program modification**).

The changes to BA in Political Science with Certification were approved.

The following items did not require Council approval:

### **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**).

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

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

### **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**).

### ***B. General Education***

Chad Dresbach reported for the General Education committee. 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.

All four items were approved.

He also reported on the formation of a subcommittee to review transfer student issues and the equivalency of courses to report by February.

### **V. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

### **VI. New Business**

#### ***A. Maymester course load***

It was moved and seconded to discuss the proposal from Academic Leadership Council to allow students to enroll for up to 6 hours in Maymester. Dr. Moore reported the deans, expanded ALC and he had discussed summer enrollment. Also discussed were changes to the timing of classes, particularly with beginning and end times that conflict. Taking multiple courses in Maymester was discussed as a recommendation for this summer only with the potential changes in academic calendar. During discussion the Council was concerned about the student's work load, whether they can keep up with the assigned work, the availability of classes, the inclusion of research projects in 3 week courses, and the concern that the course taught over 3 weeks might be pared down compared to a full-semester course. The experiences of a handful of students from a couple years ago were related. These students were allowed to register for 6 hours due to an online registration problem. The students did well. Since there was only a handful, the Council is interested in seeing further data. The question was then called and the Council voted to approve the motion to allow students to take up to 6 hours in summer session A (Maymester) in 2007. The motion passed by a hand vote, 9 in favor to 6 against.

### **VIII. Announcements**

Michael Cornick announced that Angie Letourneau was awarded the 2006 South Carolina Professor of the Year.

Since this was the last meeting of the Council for the Fall semester, Registrar Drueke reminded everyone of the end of semester grading deadlines.

The next meeting will be on January 12, 2007 at 2:00 pm in Tillman 308.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy A. Drueke  
Secretary