

AGENDA
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
Friday, November 9, 2007
Tillman 308, 2:00 pm

- I. Approval of the minutes of the September 28, 2007 meeting of Academic Council (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). **Note:** the supporting material for the curriculum changes proposed in this report is available on the Curriculum Application System. Contact Tim Dueke if you need help in accessing this online system. Rebecca Evers
 - General Education Committee (see attached). Michael Cornick
- V. Unfinished Business
 - Addition of MGMT 575 (3) Business Ethics
- VI. New Business
 - Report on Suspension and Probation Policies (see attached). Donna Nelson
- VII. Announcements
- VIII. Adjournment

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
September 28, 2007

Academic Council met on Friday, September 28, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in 308 Tillman Hall.

Members:

Tom Polaski, Chair	Mathematics Business	Steve Frankforter*	Business Administration
Brett Becton*	Administration	Bob Gorman	Library
Siobhan Brownson	English	Mark Hamilton	Fine Art
Michael Cornick*	Business Administration	Mel Horton	Health and PE
Beth Costner	Mathematics	Donna Nelson	Psychology
Litasha Dennis	English	Carolyn Shields	Education
Chad Dresbach	Design	Julian Smith	Biology
Rebecca Evers	Education	Sue Spencer	Education
		Will Thacker	Computer Science
		Dustin Evatt*	Chair, CSL
		Timothy Drueke	Records/Registration

* Absent

Guests present: Cheryl Fortner-Wood, Mark Herring, Tom Moore and Margaret Williamson.

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Chair Polaski.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the September 7, 2007 meeting were approved as distributed.

II. Chair's Remarks

Chair Polaski reported on the progress of the Faculty Governance Review Committee. The committee has met and discussed the current governance structure, what is working and what is not working. The group has started a list of the items to be discussed. If any member of the Council has concerns to add, please contact any of the Council representatives on the Committee: Beth Costner, Sue Spencer, Julian Smith or Tom Polaski.

III. Vice President of Academic Affairs' Remarks

Dr. Moore mentioned that the two major items on the faculty agenda this year – Governance Review and the weekly teaching calendar – are important in determining how we spend our time and energy on our institutional, college and program goals and in how we accomplish the goals.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

Rebecca Evers, Chair of the Committee on Undergraduate Instruction presented the report.

The following items required Council approval:

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Department of Sociology

Modify the Minor in Gerontology

Modify the Undergraduate Certificate in Gerontology

The modifications to the Gerontology programs were approved.

RILEY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Department of Health & Physical Education

Modify Bachelor of Science in Physical Education/Athletic Training

Modify Bachelor of Science in Physical Education/Fitness-Wellness

The modifications to the Bachelor of Science in Physical Education were approved.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Addition of MGMT575 Business Ethics

The Council moved and seconded to table discussion on the addition of MGMT575, Business Ethics until the next meeting. The motion carried.

B. January Meeting date

Chair Polaski will reschedule the January 11, 2008 meeting to January 18, 2008 since classes will begin on January 14, 2008.

VI. New Business

Suspension Policy

Donna Nelson reported for the ad-hoc committee. The Committee met on September 26 and discussed the suspension policies of several other institutions and possible changes to our

current policy. OF the 12 institutions reviewed, all but one does not allow students to transfer credit back to the institution while on suspension. (Clemson is the one that does allow transfer.) Several institutions allow students to take classes during the summer while on suspension. The Council discussed these ideas and gave feedback to the committee. The committee will continue discussions with colleagues and investigate other institutional policies.

VII. Announcements

Registrar Drueke reminded the Council of the following dates:

October 17 – advising for Spring 2008 begins

October 19 – last day to withdraw from a Fall 2007 course, S/U rescission deadline

October 31 – registration for Spring 2008 begins

The next meeting of the Academic Council will be November 9, 2007 at 2:00 pm in 308 Tillman Hall.

Having finished the agenda and seeing no other announcements Chair Polaski declared the meeting adjourned at 2:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy A. Drueke
Secretary

Winthrop University

Committee on Undergraduate Instruction Minutes

CUI met at 11:30 am on October 29, 2007 in 17 Tillman.

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

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Department of History

Modify BA in History to add HIST 590, Senior Capstone. (**modify major**)

Modify BA in History with certification to add HIST 590, Senior Capstone.
(**modify major**)

**Items approved by CUI—no action by Academic Council required
(All items found in the Curriculum Action System)**

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Department of History

Add HIST 590 (3) Capstone Seminar in History

Department of Human Nutrition

Add GEOG 495 (3) Internship in Geography. (**new course**)

Department of Mathematics.

Modify MAED 548 (3) Secondary Math Curriculum and Pedagogy Issues to **change** pre-requisites **from** Admission to Teacher Education Program **to** Math 520 or permission of Department Chair. (**prerequisite change**)

Modify MATH 201(3) Calculus I to **change** co-requisite **from** MAED 200 **to** Math 104 or satisfactory score on math department placement test. (**co-requisite change**)

Modify MATH 202 (3) Calculus II to **change** prerequisite **from** MATH 201 **to** Math 201; Math 104 or satisfactory score on math department placement test and **add** a co-requisite of MAED 200. (**prerequisite and co-requisite change**)

Modify MATH 202H (3) Honors Calculus II to **add** prerequisite of AP AB 3 or higher or permission of math dept chair; MAED 200; Math 104 or satisfactory score on the math dept placement test and to **add** a co-requisite of MAED 200; Math 104 or satisfactory score on the math dept placement test. (**prerequisite and co-requisite additions**)

Modify MATH 300 (3) Linear Algebra to **update** description.

Modify MATH 301(3) Calculus III to **change** prerequisite **from** MATH 202 to MATH 202 or MATH 202H; and MAED 200 and to **add** a co-requisite of MAED 200. (**prerequisite change and co-requisite addition**)

Modify MATH 301H (3) Honors Calculus III to **change** prerequisite **from** Satisfactory score on AP Calculus AB exam or permission of the Chair to AP BC 3 or higher or MATH 202H; MAED 200 and to **add** a co-requisite of MAED 200. (**prerequisite change and co-requisite addition**)

Modify MATH 302 (3) Calculus IV to **change** prerequisite **from** MATH 301 to MATH 301 (or MATH 301H) and MAED 200 and to add a co-requisite of MAED 200. (**prerequisite change and co-requisite addition**)

Modify MATH 302H (3) Honors Calculus IV to change prerequisite **from** MATH 301H to MATH 301H and MAED 200 and to **add** a co-requisite of MAED 200. (**prerequisite change and co-requisite addition**)

Department of Political Science

Add PLSC 362 (1) Collegiate Model United Nations (**add new course**)

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Department of Accounting, Finance & Economics

Add ECON 306 (3) Econometrics (**add new course**)

Add ECON 332 (3) Economic Games and Strategies (**add new course**)

Modify FINC 512 (3) Financial Investments Management to **change** prerequisite **from** "A C or better in FINC 312, ACCT 305 or in FINC 655" to "A C- or better in FINC 311." (**prerequisite change**)

Department of Computer Science

Modify CSCI 297 (1) The Ada Language to **change** title to Scripting Languages (**title change**)

Drop CSCI 398 (1) Advanced C++ Programming. (**course drop**)

Drop CSCI 514 (3) Control and Audit of Information Systems (**course drop**)

Department of Management and Marketing

Add ENTR 370 (3) Leadership in Free Enterprise (**add new course**)

General Education Committee Report to Academic Council November 9, 2007

The General Education Committee met on October 19, 2007. The following item was approved by the committee and need Academic Council approval:

1. A proposal to add the experimental course PHIL 221X: Logic for Law School to the list of courses meeting the Logic/Language/Semiotics requirement.

November 2, 2007

TO: Academic Council

FROM: Siobhan Brownson, Mel Horton, Donna Nelson

RE: Suspension Policy Study

The committee has concluded its study and arrived at several recommendations.

STUDY

The committee's investigation of thirty institutions that vary in size, location, and funding revealed that Winthrop's suspension policy is in line with that of the majority of the institutions studied. The committee also polled colleagues and discovered that the majority support the policy as written. In addition, the committee asked the registrar about the letter sent to students immediately after they have been academically suspended and discovered that the letter directs students to contact the registrar's office to discuss options. Finally, we examined the catalog to ascertain what those options were. The catalog lists three options which are as follows:

- 1) Sit out the suspension
- 2) Petition to be readmitted due to extenuating circumstances such as illness or death of a family member
- 3) Petition for a variation to a university-wide regulation (such as not accepting transfer credit earned while a student is suspended)

Options 2 and 3 require the student to submit a formal typed petition and documentation to the Committee on Undergraduate Petitions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on our study, the committee recommends that Winthrop's suspension policy remain unchanged. We secondly recommend that the registrar include the language of the above options within the letter itself sent to the student, highlight those options for petition, and enclose a copy of the university's options as stated in the catalog. We finally recommend that the Committee on Undergraduate Petitions continue its policy to consider carefully student petitions that either 1) document extenuating circumstances, or 2) demonstrate mature consideration and a clearly thought out plan from a student who asks for permission to apply credits earned at another institution during a suspension period to his or her Winthrop degree.