

AGENDA
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
Friday, September 26, 2008
Tillman 308, 2:00 pm

- I. Minutes from the September 5, 2008 meeting of Academic Council were approved electronically (see attached).
- II. Remarks from the Chair Beth Greene Costner
- III. Remarks from the Vice President for Academic Affairs Tom Moore
- IV. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction Chad Dresbach
(see attached report)
- V. General Education Committee..... Donna Nelson
(see attached report)
- VI. Unfinished Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjournment

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
September 5, 2008

Academic Council met on Friday, September 5, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in 308 Tillman Hall.

Members:

Beth Greene Costner	Mathematics	Chasta Parker	Chemistry
Chad Dresbach	Design	Hemant Patwardhan	Management and Marketing
Matthew Fike	English	Marilyn Smith	Management and Marketing
Steve Frankforter	Management and Marketing	Julian Smith	Biology
Susan Green	Center for Pedagogy	Sue Spencer	Center for Pedagogy
Mark Hamilton	Fine Arts	Gale Teaster	Library
Mel Horton	Health and Physical Ed	Will Thacker	Computer Science
Kelly James	Sociology and Anthropology	Tatiana Sosa*	Council of Student Leaders
Mark Mitchell	Center for Pedagogy	Tim Drueke	Registrar, Secretary
Donna Nelson	Psychology		

* Absent

Guests present: Cheryl Fortner-Wood, Karen Jones, Tom Moore, Tom Polaski, and Jennie Rakestraw

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

I. Minutes

The minutes of the April 11, 2008 meeting were approved.

II. Chair's Remarks

Chair Costner welcomed everyone to the new year. She expressed her excitement in starting and looks forward to working with everyone.

III. Vice President of Academic Affairs' Remarks

Dr. Moore welcomed everyone to this year's council. He thanked everyone for agreeing to serve this year. He restated his statement at the Academic Leadership Retreat that this year is a year of completions, needs and musts. This year he wants to look at ways we can align programs to better accommodate double majors, dual degrees and five years to masters programs. Additional discussions with regard to the seamless transfer of credit will be undertaken. In Columbia, degree completion is a big concern, as an institution, we may need to rethink some of the ways we do things. Dr. Moore indicated the council will be instrumental in this process, and we need to be addressing these issues before outside pressures require us to address them.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

Chad Dresbach, Chair of the Committee on Undergraduate Instruction introduced the members of CUI: Mel Horton, from the Richard W. Riley College of Education, Steve Frankforter, from the College of Business, and Chasta Parker from the College of Arts and Sciences. CUI will have its first meeting of the year on September 16.

B. General Education

Donna Webster-Nelson introduced the members of the General Education committee who are also on the Council: Chasta Parker and Chad Dresbach. The General Education Committee will meet on September 11 and October 30.

V. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VI. New Business

A. Vision of Distinction items

Chair Costner noted that in the Academic Life section of this year's Vision of Distinction there is an item calling for the study of joint and double majors. Dr. Costner noted the Academic Council needs to take a leadership role in this conversation as the University-wide group tasked with curricular matters. She then asked for volunteers willing to serve on a subcommittee to examine existing majors and identify those that seem to fit together and the potential issues with such

mergers. Kelly James, Mark Hamilton, Hemant Patwardhan and Sue Spencer volunteered. Chair Costner and Registrar Drueke will be available for consultation.

B. Faculty Governance Review

Tom Polaski was in attendance to discuss the faculty governance review report that was distributed in April. The Council spent several minutes discussing the report.

VII. Announcements

Registrar Drueke reminded the Council of upcoming deadlines: September 9, S/U election deadline, September 15, May 2009 Undergraduate Degree application deadline.

Having finished the agenda and seeing no other announcements Chair Costner declared the meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy A. Drueke
Secretary

**Winthrop University
Committee on Undergraduate Instruction**

CUI Met September 16, 2008 in Owens G01

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

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Department of Political Science

Modify African-American Studies minor: **Change 1:** AAMS 318/ENGL 312 - There was an error in the previous program which incorrectly listed the ENGL course as ENGL 318. The proposed change would correct the error.

Change 2: Addition of AAMS 322/SOCL 320 - The addition of this course to the AAMS minor was approved by the CAS Curriculum Committee on August 17, 2006. The change that we are currently proposing would add this course to the list of offerings that satisfy the "Africa component" of the AAMS minor.

Change 3: Addition of AAMS 339/HIST 338 - The addition of this course to the AAMS minor was previously approved by the CAS Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Conference. The change that we are currently proposing would add this class to the list of offerings that satisfy the "Africa component" of the AAMS minor.

Change 4: Addition of AAMS 390. The addition of this course to the AAMS minor was approved by the CAS Curriculum Committee on August 17, 2006. (**modify program**)

Note: Changes 1 & 4 have already been incorporated into the catalog.

Department of Sociology

Add ANTH 324 (3), Amerindian Warfare and Ritual Violence. (**new course**)

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Add ACAD 102(1), Relational Critical Thinking and Study Skills. (**new course**)

**General Education Committee Report to Academic Council
September 15, 2008**

The following item was approved by the General Education Committee and needs Academic Council approval:

A proposal to add the course ANTH 203: *Introduction to Language and Culture* to the lists of courses meeting the Global Experience and Social Sciences requirements.