

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
 October 2, 2009

Academic Council met on Friday, October 2, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in 308 Tillman Hall.

Members:

Mark Hamilton, Chair	Visual & Performing Arts
Keith Benson	Business Administration
Chad Dresbach	Visual & Performing Arts
Rebecca Evers	Education
Matthew Fike	Arts & Sciences
Mel Horton	Education
Kelly James	Arts & Sciences
Will Kiblinger	Arts & Sciences
Hemant Patwardhan	Business Administration

Dave Pretty	Arts & Sciences
Frank Pullano	Arts & Sciences
Carol Shields	Pedagogy
Julian Smith	Arts & Sciences
Marilyn Smith	Business Administration
Sue Spencer	Education
Gale Teaster-Woods*	Library
Will Thacker	Computer Science
Jarod Ashton Fincher	CSL -Student
Timothy Drueke, Sec.	Registrar

* Absent

Guests present: Marsha Bollinger, Beth Costner, and Marilyn Sarow.

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by Chair Hamilton.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the September 11, 2009 meeting were approved via email.

II. Chair's Remarks

Chair Hamilton did not have any remarks.

III. Report from Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dr. Moore was not in attendance as he was out of town.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

Rebecca Evers, Chair of CUI, reported that the committee will have its second meeting on October 27 at 10:30 a.m.

B. General Education

Will Thacker presented the report from the General Education Committee.

The General Education committee met on August 28. There was one item for consideration by the Council: a proposal to add MATH151 to the approved courses to meet the Quantitative Skills requirement. The General Education committee presented the following change to the Quantitative Skills requirement: the requirement may be met by completing MATH150, 151 or a calculus course or a course with calculus as a prerequisite. The proposed change is to go into effect immediately to apply to students enrolled in MATH151 for Fall 2009.

The proposal passed unanimously.

IV. Unfinished Business

Chair Hamilton reported on the status of the discussions with the chair of the Faculty Conference Rules committee regarding the name given to the Winthrop internal process for reviewing academic programs. The Chair of the Rules committee suggested that the Academic Council would be the appropriate body to propose any changes. During discussion it was moved and seconded to rename the title and all other references of "Program Review" in Chapter II: Faculty Organization to "Internal Program Evaluation." The motion passed.

VI. New Business

There was no new business.

VII. Announcements

Beth Costner asked the Council to further consider the report on double majors/dual degrees submitted last year. Chair Hamilton indicated he would consult with Vice-President Moore and he would report back to the Council.

The next meeting will be on November 6, 2009.

Marilyn Sarow announced the final five topics for the SACS Quality Enhancement Program (QEP): Critical Thinking, Life Skills, Oral and Written Communication, Information Literacy, and Global Understanding.

Frank Pullano, part of the SACS – QEP committee announced that there will be several QEP workshops sponsored through the Teaching and Learning Center on Preparing a QEP proposal. The workshops will be Friday, October 9, at 9:00 a.m. and Thursday, October 15 at 11:00 a.m.

Registrar Drueke reminded the Council that the schedule of courses for Spring 2010 and Summer 2010 will be available for viewing on Wingspan starting Monday, October 5. Advising for Spring 2010 will begin on October 21.

Having completed all items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy A. Drueke
Secretary