

# Minutes

## Winthrop University Faculty Conference

January 25, 2008

2:00 pm

Barnes Recital Hall

### I. Call to Order

Dr. Fortner-Wood, Chair of Faculty Conference, called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm. Faculty viewed footage from the Senior Choreography Showcase provided by Dr. Andrew Vorder Bruegge, Chair of Theater and Dance prior to the meeting.

### II. Approval of minutes

Minutes from October 12, 2007 Faculty Conference were approved with an amendment to correct the spelling of Dr. John Bird's name.

### III. Introductory Remarks from Chair of Faculty Conference

Dr. Fortner-Wood stated she has been asked by many if she is enjoying her role as chair of Faculty Conference and the answer is **yes**. She enjoys meeting with the President and Dr. Moore. The most stressful part of her role is this meeting. She stated that it is a pleasure to represent the faculty. As evidence of the quality of faculty, she congratulated Don Friedman, who received Belgium's highest civilian award for his efforts to disseminate Belgian literature worldwide. She also congratulated our Dean of Library Services for his presidential appointment to the National Museum and Library Services Board, and our VP of Academic Affairs who could not be with us because he is presenting with George Kuh at the AAC&U annual meeting this week. Dr. Fortner-Wood also thanked Dr. Chlotia Garrison for agreeing to serve as Faculty Conference Secretary this semester. Dr. Lynn DeNoia's graduate teaching schedule conflicts with her ability to serve this semester but she plans to resume the job next year.

The Board of Trustees met November 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved six resolutions. Two of the resolutions were endorsements: Agency Head Objectives and Vision of Distinction. Four additional resolutions honored Mrs. Lois Rhame West, Dr. Sanita Savage, Mr. Larry Durham, and Dr. Tim Daugherty.

The next board meeting is the Retreat scheduled for February 22-24. Dr. Fortner-Wood stated that she needs input to properly represent the faculty perspective. She especially invites input on calendars and scheduling, roles and rewards, and governance review. Dr. Fortner-Wood again encouraged faculty to contact her.

### IV. Report from the President

Dr. DiGiorgio stated that he was happy to be in the state and able to attend the meeting. He announced that Owens Hall has just dedicated the J. Spratt and Sandra Hagler White Lecture room. The Whites have been generous to create an endowment to support the English Department.

Dr. DiGiorgio discussed the campus visits of Senator Obama and Chelsea Clinton. Anyone receiving a request to host political candidates on campus should direct them to the President's office. This will ensure correct protocol is followed. All candidates must have a campus group sponsor their visit. This ensures proper use of campus space and gives students the opportunity to interact with political candidates.

Winthrop students are finally able to vote in York County IF they are of voting age, have declared Winthrop as their address, and have registered to vote in this county. Students cannot register in both their home county and York County. This good news follows Winthrop giving all streets a name a few years ago so that students could have a street address and successfully challenging a requirement to have students complete an 8 to 10 question application.

Dr. DiGiorgio presented several items of information related to campus security, which has been a priority since the Virginia Tech tragedy and a couple of first-ever attempted assaults in the residence halls. Feedback from students is that they feel more comfortable with the new security resulting from the new key-card access to the library. Those in the non-Winthrop community who need access to materials only available at Winthrop can still gain access to the library. Others have access to the York County library that is only a few miles away. Probably by mid February, 50 monitors will be installed in high traffic areas around campus. The delay in installing the monitors allowed us to have access to the latest software upgrade. Emergency messages can be placed on these monitors, which will supplement other emergency notification systems already in place: web, e-mail, and reverse 911. In conjunction with the repair work in Tillman, a FEMA siren will be added to the Tillman Tower. Working in conjunction with the monitors, a loudspeaker system will broadcast a message to the campus explaining the siren. If you have not registered your cell phone with the alert system, please do so. The Winthrop community has already registered 4000 phone numbers. The recent inclement weather provided a good test for the system. In just 2 minutes, 4000 weather alert messages were sent. Investigations are ongoing about how to handle classroom security. It is impossible to lock down most buildings. New buildings can have card entry systems but it is not feasible to retrofit existing buildings. Winthrop is investigating what other universities are doing.

President DiGiorgio reported on several campus projects. The American Legion has asked if Winthrop is interested in purchasing the additional five acres they own on Constitution Blvd. Rock Hill also will likely be moving their City Operations Center and we will have the opportunity to obtain that property. Winthrop will try to acquire the entire 30-40 acres extending from Winthrop to Cherry and Constitution. Efforts to acquire University Place Apartments have been unsuccessful due to the inability to agree on price; talks have been suspended. Plans are still ongoing to convert the Textile Corridor to an active adult corridor with 440 bed units. Dr. DiGiorgio is optimistic that the corridor will materialize. We are ready to break ground on the CBA auditorium with an expected 12 to 14 month construction period. The building will contain a 200-seat high tech lecture hall, student lounge, computer lab, conference rooms, and a capital market management facility. Peabody is no longer. Bids will be in next Tuesday for the

new Campus Center that is expected to be a two-year project. By next January or February, Scholar's Walk will be transformed and will include an outdoor plaza and terrace, fountains, and tables with umbrellas.

On to less pleasant news: There will be no bond money for the library this year. A political standoff is preventing the General Assembly from allocating funds. The national and state economies continue to be, at best, level. We cannot expect to receive an increase in funding from the state and have been warned to expect a 5 to 10 percent decrease. We have used tuition to fund several items but have reached the point where additional increases might be counterproductive. In addition, the legislature can place a cap on tuition.

Finally, a study of the +/- grading system reveals that there has not been a percentage change in GPA with the new system. One interesting finding is that female GPAs were higher and the GPAs of males were lower, but the average was about the same as without the +/- system.

#### **Report from the Vice President for Academic Affairs**

Dr. Moore was at the AAC&U annual meeting and therefore unable to attend.

#### **V. Committee Reports**

##### **A. Academic Council**

Academic Council met on November 9, 2007 and January 18, 2008.

Dr. Tom Polaski presented the following items, brought to Academic Council by CUI, for approval by Faculty Conference. All items passed unanimously.

- COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
  - Department of History (adding a capstone course)
    - Modify BA in History
    - Modify BA in History with certification
  
- RILEY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
  - Department of Curriculum and Instruction
    - Create TFEL designator (TFEL stands for Teaching Fellows)
  
  - Department of Health and Physical Education
    - Add BS in Athletic Training
    - Add BS in Exercise Science

(These are currently options in the BS in Physical Education)

Dr. Polaski presented the following item, brought to Academic Council by the General Education Committee, for approval by Faculty Conference. The item passed unanimously.

Add the new course PHIL221X: Logic for Law School to the list of courses meeting the Logic, Language, and Semiotics requirement. (This proposal was to approve the course as meeting the General Education requirement for Logic, Language, and Semiotics. It does not approve the course itself.)

Dr. Polaski also presented the following items, brought to Academic Council by CUI, which did not require approval. There were no questions about any of the items and no motions for modification or reversal.

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

#### Department of History

Add HIST 590 (3) Capstone Seminar in History

#### Department of Human Nutrition

Add GEOG 495 (3) Internship in Geography

#### 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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

#### Department of Political Science

Add PLSC 362 (1) Collegiate Model United Nations

## RILEY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

### Department of Curriculum and Instruction

- Add EDUC 455A (1) Problems in Educational Practice
- Add EDUC 455B (2) Problems in Educational Practice
- Add EDUC 455C (3) Problems in Educational Practice
- Add TFEL 150 (0) Teaching Fellows Seminar I
- Add TFEL 250 (0) Teaching Fellows Seminar II
- Add TFEL 350 (0) Teaching Fellows Seminar III
- Add TFEL 450 (0) Teaching Fellows Seminar IV

### Department of Health and Physical Education

- Modify PHED 111 (1) Orientation to Athletic Training to change title and credit hours to Introduction to Athletic Training (2).
- Modify PHED 548 (3) Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity to change prerequisite from PSYC 101 to PSYC 101 and junior status.
- Modify SPMA 425 (3) Current Issues in Sport to change prerequisites from SPMA major, junior or senior status to SPMA 101, SPMA major, and junior or senior status.

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Department of Accounting, Finance & Economics

- Add ECON 306 (3) Econometrics
- Add ECON 332 (3) Economic Games and Strategies
- 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.”
- Modify FINC 513 (3) Banking and Financial Service Management to change prerequisites from “A C or better in FINC 312, or in FINC 655” to “A C- or better in FINC 311.”

### Department of Computer Science

- Modify CSCI 297 (1) The Ada Language to change title to Scripting Languages
- Drop CSCI 398 (1) Advanced C++ Programming.
- Drop CSCI 514 (3) Control and Audit of Information Systems

### Department of Management and Marketing

- Add ENTR 370 (3) Leadership in Free Enterprise
- Modify BADM 510 (3) Sport Law to change prerequisite from ACCT 280 to ACCT 280, SPMA 101, and PHED 525.
- Modify MKTG 484 (3) Sport Marketing to change teaching method from lecture (3) to combined lecture/lab (3:2:1) and to change prerequisites from “Junior or Senior standing, grade of C or higher in MKTG 380, SPMA major” to “Junior or Senior standing, grade of C or higher in MKTG 380, SPMA 101, SPMA major or consent of instructor.”

## B. Standing Committee Reports

### 1. Admissions Advisory

Dr. Jean Silagyi-Rebovich gave the report from the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Admissions Advisory Committee. The committee sent forward a recommendation to the Rules Committee regarding the membership of the Advisory Committee. The Dean of Enrollment Management provided an overview of current domestic undergraduate recruiting initiatives: assignment of admissions counselors to geographic regions, additional on-campus recruiting responsibilities for admissions counselors, and the implementation of strategies suggested by various consultants. The Dean of Enrollment Management also reported on the improved record-keeping and improved communication with prospective students that has resulted from new software. The committee members discussed strategies to provide parents and prospective students with the ability to visit the library following on-campus tours and information sessions now that Dacus has card-key access requirements. The next meeting of the committee will be February 6 in the International Center.

### 2. Library

Dr. Mike Matthews who was unable to attend provided the following report: The committee will meet on February 1 with plans to discuss the changes in access to the library, budget issues, databases, and the current library building status.

## VI. Unfinished Business

Dr. Cara Peters reported that the Faculty Governance Review committee met October 26 and established 5 subcommittees: Graduate Issues, Curricular Issues, Communication Issues (i.e., interface with administration), General Education Issues, and Roles, Rewards and Ranks Issues. Each subgroup will examine the system related to their particular focus and make recommendations. The full committee will develop a conceptual list of ideas for revision to present to Faculty Conference prior to the end of the year.

## VII. New Business

None

## VIII. Announcements

### A. Records and Registration

Mr. Tim Drueke made the following announcements: Monday, January 28, is the last day for students to select S/U; The deadline for undergraduates to apply for August or December graduation will be extended to February 8 given Records and Registration's planned move to room 126; Wednesday before Spring break, March 12, is the last day to withdraw from full semester classes.

### B. Teaching Squares

Those interested in participating in Teaching Squares this semester should send an e-mail to [tlc@winthrop.edu](mailto:tlc@winthrop.edu) by January 31.

| C. Kelly James, Faculty Advisor for the Council of Student Leaders asked faculty to announce to classes and advisees that the Council meets Mondays at 7 pm in Dinkins. All students are welcome to attend the meetings.

IX. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:11 pm.