

Winthrop University Faculty Conference

March 8, 2013

2:00 pm in Kinard Auditorium

Minutes

At 2:05 pm and 80 members present, a motion to do business was approved by voice vote.

I. Approval of minutes for November 30, 2012 Faculty Conference

- The minutes were approved by motion, second, and unanimous consent.

II. Report from the Chair of Faculty Conference

The Chair of Faculty Conference, Cliff Calloway, reported on the February 15 meeting of the Board of Trustees. The board took up three actions at this meeting:

- Selected a new President for Winthrop University, Dr. Jayne Marie Comstock. She will be on campus March 21 to be presented by the Board of Trustees.
- Approved the Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies Teacher Education.
- Approved up to \$3.5 Million in Capital Maintenance Bonds.

III. Report from the President

In advance of this Faculty Conference meeting, the President of Winthrop University, Anthony DiGiorgio, updated the campus community on legislative matters that are likely to take place over the next few weeks that could impact the new fiscal budget beginning July 1 (see email dated March 7, "REVISED Campus Update 3.7.13"). The update reports that state economists believe revenue will increase slightly but that increased costs of credit monitoring, Medicaid, and infrastructure may offset any economic gains, and that funding these costs will likely become the main focus of legislative dialogues in the S.C. House of Representatives, noting that "There appears to be no interest...in increasing appropriations for higher education's operating costs..." Consequently,

...Winthrop foresees no increase from the House in our annual recurring base operating appropriation when the full membership takes up appropriations legislation next week. That means Winthrop's state support for next year's operations under the House plan is likely to remain at its Recession-era low, with the only funds added being last year's increase in state employee salaries. (...State funds pay only 30% of the funds required for that increase, with Winthrop funds providing the rest every year going forward.)

In the update, President DiGiorgio points out that Winthrop may need to fund new programs and inflation through increased enrollment or tuition, if the House and the Senate are ultimately of the same mind. The President also noted that an assessment by the State Higher Education Executive Officers Organization in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* states "Per-student spending on education from State and Local sources fell to less than \$5,900 in the 2012 fiscal year, a 9.1-percent decrease from 2011 and a quarter-century low for the third consecutive year."

IV. Report from the Vice President for Academic Affairs

The Vice President for Academic Affairs, Debra Boyd, expressed appreciation to all who attended recent coffee discussion sessions and noted that enhancing student success and maintenance issues were among various topics discussed. She announced that the next discussion session is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 27 at 9:30 am at 320B, Withers Building.**

Vice President Boyd announced the Spring 2013 Academic Leadership Retreat scheduled for Friday, March 29, 2013. The focus of the retreat will be “Committees Matter: Supporting the Quality and Value of our Faculty Governance Committees.” Vice President Boyd noted that faculty who are incoming or outgoing chairs of faculty governance committees and those who are on select committees (who should’ve received an email dated February 28, 2013 from the Vice President’s Office) need to contact Michele Smith via email regarding attendance so that the work of the retreat may be structured appropriately.

Vice President Boyd concluded the report by complimenting the faculty, expressing “appreciation for the great work that you do.”

V. Reports

A. Academic Council

John Bird, Chair of Academic Council, introduced one curricular program change, involving a change in credit hours —B.S. PHED Certification—in the Department of Physical Education Sport and Human Performance, which required faculty conference approval. Faculty Conference approved the program change unanimously by voice vote.

Program Action	Degree	Major	Conc.	Department	FC Action
<p>MODIFY PROGRAM: Change Technology Requirement from EDUC 275 to EDCO 305; Change Historical Requirement wording from "May be met" to "Met" by HIST 211; Change Social Science Requirement from PSYC 101 to EDUC 200; Change Natural Science Requirement from "Biology" to BIOL 150/151; Change Constitution Requirement from HIST 211 or ECON 103 to HIST 211; Remove PHED 224 from list of optional courses in PESH Core; Remove EDUC 110, 210, 250, 275, 310, 390, 475, and 490 from Professional Education Core; Add EDUC 101, 200, 401, 402, 410, EDCO 201, 202, 203, 305, 306, 350; Remove PHED 118, 394, HLTH 234, and Activities Credits (4) from the Physical Education Certification Sub Core; Add PHED 210, 233, 247, 271, 310, 490, 594, and HLTH 434 to courses required for the Physical Education Certification Sub Core; Revise number of credits required for degree completion from 124-130 to 127.</p>	BS	PHED	CERT	Physical Education, Sport and Human Performance	Approved

The Chair of Academic Council reported on several curricular changes from Academic Council, the Committee on University Curriculum and College Assemblies that did not require Faculty Conference approval, as noted in the Council’s report.

The Chair of Academic Council also reported that all of the 100-level Touchstone Program courses have been either recertified or withdrawn from the Touchstone Program (goal for 2012-2013 met).

Next, the Chair of Academic Council introduced thirteen new courses for the Touchstone Program that required Faculty Conference approval. Faculty Conference approved the new courses unanimously by voice vote. The following courses were approved as new courses for the Touchstone Program:

Humanities & Arts	VPAS 320
	ENGL 307
	PHIL 301
	PHIL 333X
	PHIL 420
	PHIL 412
Technology	EDCO 305
	WRIT 367X
Historical	ENGL 211
	ENGL 203
Global	ENGL 307
	ENGL 222X
	ARTH 176

Finally, the Chair introduced a proposal from Academic Council to allow summer academic study to act as a “grace” term for all students on probation or good standing, which required Faculty Conference approval.

Proposal for Summer Academic Standing: To allow summer to act as a “grace” term for all students on probation or good standing, in that the GPA earned at the end of the summer will not place a student on probation or suspension, but would allow students on probation to get back in good standing.

Justification: Out of seven schools in North and South Carolina researched (USC, Clemson, Coastal, UNCC, College of Charleston, Western Carolina, and Lander), only one school, Lander, runs academic standing at the end of summer and will suspend students as necessary. All the others have varying policies, including allowing spring suspended students to take summer, but none of them suspend students at the end of summer. Winthrop has increased its minimum GPA to 2.0 for all students. With shorter class meetings, summer classes are often pedagogically more challenging than in fall or spring semesters. Providing this option for students would encourage summer enrollment and not adversely affect their standing. Often students take summer classes to get ahead or get back on track. According to our current policy, a student who earns a C- could be penalized.

Faculty Conference approved the proposal unanimously by voice vote.

B. Faculty Personnel Committee (Elections)

The Chair of Faculty Personnel Committee, Anna Sartin, presided over the election of candidates to Faculty Conference committees. During the election process, paper ballots were distributed to Faculty Conference members present. The Chair requested and accepted additional nominations from the floor. Prior to voting (and in keeping with tradition), the candidates for Faculty Conference Chair, John Bird and David Meeler, expressed their willingness to serve Faculty Conference in the coming year 2013-14. Faculty Conference voted using the Kerley Method. After voting, the ballots were collected by members of the Faculty Personnel Committee. Faculty not present may vote until noon, Monday March 18th in the Library.

C. Global Learning Initiative (GLI) report to Faculty Conference

The Director of the *Global Learning Initiative* (GLI), Karen Kedrowski, presented Faculty Conference with assessment information for the GLI program through 2011-2012. This report focused on two implementation goals: Inclusion in Touchstone Program courses/Cultural Events and student learning outcomes. The Director expressed thanks to Records and Registration staff for data. Data was presented for:

- GLI syllabi statement analysis for Touchstone Program courses, particularly focused on introductory, such as 101-102 level courses and non-major courses.
 - GLI statements by initial classification
 - Approximately 1/4 had statement, lower during summer.
- Active and potential GLI content for Touchstone Program courses per discipline, per college, per Touchstone Program category
- Global Learning Cultural Events (GLCE)
 - Approximately 1/3 approved cultural events with global content
 - Student attendance & participation by classification and demographic categories
- Student Learning Outcomes
 - Global Understanding, Attitudes and Engagement
 - The GLI Evaluation survey results to date:
 - Administered through various Touchstone Program courses and by classification
 - Improvements in global knowledge & attitudes earlier

The Director of GLI, Karen Kedrowski, concluded the presentation by describing 2011-2012 as a “great first year,” adding that the challenge for the future will be to build upon this success with greater growth in certain areas in order to go beyond the “early adopters” to include more students and faculty.

No other committee reports were presented.

VI. Unfinished Business (none)

VII. New Business (none)

VIII. Announcements

The Chair of Faculty Conference announced:

- Advising & summer registration begins on Wednesday, March 20 and early registration begins on Wednesday, April 3.
- Graduate Faculty Assembly meets immediately following adjournment of this Faculty Conference meeting.
- The next meeting of Faculty Conference is scheduled for Friday, April 19 at 2 pm in Barnes Recital Hall.

Frank Pullano thanked faculty for submitting mid-term grades in time to provide meaningful feedback for our students.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
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