

**Winthrop University Faculty Conference
Minutes from October 8, 2010
Whitton Auditorium**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:00; the faculty voted to do business in the absence of a quorum.
- II. The minutes from the August 20, 2010 meeting were approved as distributed.
- III. Report from the Faculty Conference Chair, Dr. Marsha Bollinger.

Dr. Bollinger began by announcing that the Board of Trustees had not met since the last Faculty Conference meeting. The next Board meeting is on Friday, November 5.

She continued by stating that she has had two notable occasions to represent the faculty: (1) at the dedication luncheon for the DiGiorgio Campus Center and (2) at a briefing for the Winthrop Board and Rock Hill City Council on the College Town Action Plan. She commented that she wished more were able to be present at the dedication to hear the moving comments from two Board members and the DiGiorgios' daughter.

Dr. Bollinger also reported that the definition of academic freedom that had been passed by Faculty Conference at the August meeting needs to be modified before it can appear in the Faculty Manual. Specific recommendations from the president have been forwarded to the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee.

- IV. Report from the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Thomas Moore.

Dr. Moore began by taking responsibility for not checking the definition of Academic Freedom the faculty had submitted before it went to Dr. DiGiorgio. It will be resubmitted with the edits.

Dr. Moore then relayed information from President DiGiorgio. The enrollment numbers are not official yet, but they are expected to be lower than originally thought. However, Dr. Moore is "feeling good" about this year.

Dr. Moore briefly discussed Readiness Winthrop, saying that it is not a project, but a process that will take time. It relies on a range of items and it does not merely look at next year; it looks into the future.

Dr. Moore expressed his strong support for the University Level Competencies. The President would like to see technology and working in teams to solve problems added to the competencies at a later time.

A faculty member asked if Dr. DiGiorgio would pass the definition of Academic Freedom after the changes. Dr. Moore is certain he will.

- V. Committee Reports

Academic Council, Dr. Dave Pretty

For information only:

College of Arts and Sciences, Department of English

Modify Bachelor of Arts in English, Language and Literature Track to allow ENGL 200 to count towards the major by removing required hours of English electives above 299.

For action by Faculty Conference:

Faculty Conference unanimously approved the four university-level competencies recommended by the University- Wide Academic Assessment Committee as proposed. See the [agenda](#) for details.

University Life

A written report was provided with the [agenda](#).

VI. Unfinished Business

Curricular process update, Dr. Jo Koster and Mr. Tim Drueke

- Important curricular dates were announced.

Changes for the 2011-2012 academic year MUST be approved by the March 11, 2011, Faculty Conference meeting:

- Or by the March 1 Academic Council meeting
- Or by the February 18 CUC meeting
- Or by the January 28 faculty assemblies

Also remember, some items will need review by:

- February 11 General Ed Curriculum Committee
- February 8, Teacher Education Committee

Please contact Tim Drueke to see when your item needs approval.

- Faculty Conference was reminded in fair detail about how curricular actions now pass through the “new” review system. To review the Academic Program Approval Procedures, go to <http://www.winthrop.edu/recandreg/default.aspx?id=7122>.
- Be sure to consult with Tim Drueke before submitting changes or proposals.

QEP Report, Dr. Marilyn Sarow

Dr. Sarow announced the new director of the QEP.

She stated that Horizons (study abroad program) was no longer a part of QEP. The SACS specialist had said that “too much was being done” regarding the QEP. Another hurdle was the fact that \$300,000 would have had to be raised for the program. As a result, Horizons has been moved out of QEP but is still “alive.”

Dr. Sarow finished by saying that the final form of the QEP will be distributed to the faculty in November.

TALONS Report

Tim Drueke and Gina Jones did a cursory presentation of DegreeWorks. Mr. Drueke asked the faculty to please attend the training sessions for more detailed information. There will also be a webpage tutorial for students and faculty.

VII. New Business

There was no new business.

VIII. Announcements

Registration for math placement exams is on the Math Department website.

Dr. Moore expressed his appreciation to the QEP team, to AAAS, and to Records and Registration for all their hard work.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. L. Mark Lewis