

**WINTHROP UNIVERSITY**  
**ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES**  
January 28, 2000

Academic Council met on Friday, January 28, 2000 at 2:00 pm in 306 Tillman. Debra Boyd, Karen Jones, Michael Kennedy, Tom Moore, Marilyn Sarrow, Melford Wilson, and Margaret Williamson attended as visitors.

**Members:**

Janice Chism, Chair	<i>Biology</i>	Julian Smith	<i>Biology</i>	Jonatha Vare	<i>Education</i>
Gary Alderman	<i>Arts &amp; Sci.</i>	Thomas Polaski	<i>Mathematics</i>	Michael Williams	<i>VPAA</i>
Marsha Bollinger	<i>Geology</i>	Karen Kedrowski	<i>Pol. Science</i>	Ann Fletcher	<i>Thr. &amp; Da.</i>
Ray Dockery*	<i>Education</i>	Jean Silagyi-Rebovich	<i>Human Nutr.</i>	Mamie Bush	<i>SGA</i>
Kent Foster	<i>CSCI &amp; QM</i>	Susan Silverman	<i>Library</i>	Tim Drueke	<i>Secretary</i>
Angela Letourneau*	<i>Business</i>	Paul Martyka	<i>Art &amp; Design</i>		
David Letourneau	<i>Finance</i>	William Thacker	<i>CSCI</i>		

\* absent

**I. Minutes of the December 3, 1999 meeting were corrected and approved.**

**II. Report from Academic Affairs**

Dr. Melford Wilson reported on the CHE review of our Master's of Science in Biology program. They were very impressed with the new Life Sciences Building and indicated Winthrop was back in complete compliance with our programs. CHE will not meet during this upcoming summer. This means it could take much longer to approve any new programs and/or any modifications to our existing programs. All of the institutions in the state are trying to get the process speeded up in Columbia.

Dr. Wilson also reported on a shortage of research funds. Winthrop will add \$50,000 per year for university wide research, referencing President DiGiorgio's e-mail dated January 28, 2000.

**III. Committee Reports**

**A. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction**

Tom Polaski reported the CUI had taken the following curricular actions. No action on these items was needed from Academic Council.

**Items approved by CUI – No Academic Council action required**

Supporting documentation on these curricular changes is available from the members of CUI. If any member of the Council wishes to discuss any of the items on this list, let the Chair or Secretary know as soon as possible so copies of the appropriate documentation may be made.

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Department of Biology

1. ADD BIOL 203 (1), Principles of Biology Lab.
2. DROP BIOL 204 (4), Principles of Biology.
3. ADD BIOL 204 (3), Principles of Biology.
4. DROP Major in BS Medical Technology.
5. MODIFY Major in BS Biology to include Medical Tech track
6. DROP SCIE 211 (4), Introduction to Medical Tech.

Department of Human Nutrition

1. MODIFY minor for Human Nutrition to require CHEM 106/108.
2. MODIFY major in Human Nutrition in required program from "WRIT 101-102, 465, OR 566" to "WRIT 101-102".

Department of Modern Languages

1. DROP FREN 593 (3), Functional French: Advance Oral and Written Communication.
2. ADD FREN 593 (3), Advanced Oral and Written Communication.
3. DROP SPAN 593 (3), Functional Spanish: Advanced Oral and Written Communication.
4. ADD SPAN 593 (3), Advanced Oral and Written Communication.

### **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

1. DROP ECON 511, Labor Economics
2. ADD ECON 311, Labor Economics
3. DROP ECON 531, Public Finance
4. ADD ECON 331, Public Finance
5. DROP ECON 556, Managerial Economics
6. ADD ECON 351, Managerial Economics
7. MODIFY BS in Business Administration – Economics Option.
8. MODIFY minor in Economics.

### Department of Computer Science and Quantitative Methods

1. DROP CSCI 355 (3), Database Processing.
2. ADD CSCI 555 (3), Database Processing.
3. ADD CSCI 514 (3), Control and Audit of Information Systems
4. MODIFY BS in Business Administration – All Options.

To include in Area I: CSCI 101 or 110 or both CSCI 105 and CSCI 151.

5. MODIFY BS in Computer Science.

Include CSCI 514 in courses excluded from Area VIII.

6. MODIFY BS in Computer Science.

Delete restriction footnote from Second Discipline.

Department of Managing/Marketing

1. ADD BADM 500 (3), International Field Experience.

### **COLLEGE OF VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS**

Department of Music

1. DROP MUST 392 (1), Field Experience in Teaching Music.

2. ADD MUST 592 (1), Field Experience in Teaching Music.

Upcoming CUI meetings will be February 15, 2000 and March 28, 2000.

### **B. General Education Task Force**

Will Thacker reported that at the last Academic Council meeting the General Education Task force was asked to bring information regarding the possible General Education program and any new courses, including a calendar for the development of a new program. Dr. Thacker distributed copies of his report to all present. The GETF brought four requests to Academic Council as part of the report:

1.) Create a designator for General Education courses.

2.) Support for the development of the course(s) during the summer.

3.) Are we proceeding at the correct pace (or too slow or too fast)?

4.) How can we disseminate information about our progress to the faculty better?

Initial discussions centered around the calendar and timing of the development and implementation of the proposed Inner Core courses. Discussion continued on the importance of carefully developing these courses and piloting them appropriately. In an effort to include as many faculty as possible in the discussions it was suggested that the faculty find a time to hold a discussion or an open forum general education matters. The time set aside on Friday, February 4, 2000 for Don Farmer to speak about General Education was suggested as an opportune time to begin such a discussion, since Dr. Farmer will not be coming to Winthrop.

Will Thacker returned us to the General Education Task Force's list of requests and moved that Winthrop adopt GNED as the subject area designator for General Education courses. It was seconded and passed. It will be sent to Faculty Conference for its approval.

Straying from the General Education Task Force's list, discussion on the 9 credit hour science requirement or General Education commenced. During this discussion the following motion was brought before the Council: The Academic Council request that the General Education Committee review the feasibility of reducing the 9 hour science requirement. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### **IV. Old Business**

Mamie Bush reported that some students are asking about the faculty support of the Martin Luther King Day activities. It seems many students have concerns regarding their perceptions of the attitude of faculty toward the rescheduling of classes and the activities of MLK Day. Discussion followed on the role of Academic Council in the development of the plan to reschedule all classes from January 17 to January 10. Marsha Bollinger, Academic Council chair from last year, recommended Ms. Bush review the minutes from last year's discussions in both Academic Council and Faculty Conference. Chair Chism asked Ms. Bush to report informally to Academic Council on Martin Luther King Day's success and concerns from both SGA and the Department of Student Development.

## **V. New Business**

Retention issues will be held off until next meeting.

Margaret Williamson brought an issue from the GRADE group regarding the policy of not accepting any credit taken at another institution by a student on Academic Suspension. After brief discussion on the merits of both accepting and not accepting such credit, Academic Council asked the GRADE group to research the policy further and bring additional information to the Council.

Tim Drueke reminded the Council that there are only two more CUI meetings in the semester and any curricular and course changes need to be submitted soon to meet the deadlines for inclusion in the 2000-2001 Undergraduate Catalog.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Upcoming meetings will be February 25, 2000 and April 7, 2000