

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES

January 29, 1999

Academic Council met on Friday, January 29, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. in 212 Thurmond. Ms. Karen Jones attended as a visitor.

Members:

Marsha Bollinger, Chair	Geology	William Naufftus*	English	Jonatha Vare	Education
Gary Alderman*	Arts & Sci.	Thomas Polaski	Mathematics	Michael Williams	Visual & P.A.
Janice Chism*	Biology	Marilyn Sarow	Mass Comm.	Trevor Beauford	Student
Ray Dockery	Education	Jean Silagyi- Rebovich	Human Nutr.	Margaret Williamson	Secretary
Kent Foster	CSCI & QM	Susan Silverman	Library	Suzanne Burns	Recording Secretary
Angela Letourneau*	Business	Seymour Simmons*	Art & Design		
David Letourneau	Finance	William Thacker	CSCI		

***Absent**

I. Minutes of the December 4, 1998 meeting were approved.

II. Committee Reports

A. General Education

A proposal was submitted to include AAMS 300 (Introduction to African American Studies) in Area IV of the General Education Distribution Requirements. Academic Council voted unanimously to accept this proposal.

Ms. Marilyn Sarow presented a progress report of General Education Committee to Council. The General Education Committee also submitted the following recommendation:

"The committee recommends the constitution of a General Education Task Force to complete the creation of a new general education program. To ensure continuity of this process, the committee believes additional faculty, administrators and students must be added to expand its perspectives.

The Task Force would be composed of the present General Education Committee, and an additional five faculty, two students and two administrators (ex-officio members), to be appointed by the chair of Academic Council in consultation with the General Education Committee. The Task Force would report to Academic Council."

This proposal was unanimously approved by Academic Council. The goal of the task force will be to bring three models of General Education to the Faculty by March and, after narrowing it down to one model, refine that model during the Summer of 1999.

B. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

Dr. Tom Polaski reported that the Committee on Undergraduate Instruction had approved the following curriculum actions:

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Department of History

Drop HIST 101, World Civilizations to the 17th Century (3).

Add HIST 101, World Civilizations to 1500 (3).

Drop HIST 102, World Civilizations Since the 17th Century (3).

Add HIST 102, World Civilizations Since 1500 (3).

Drop HIST 329, The World Since 1945 (3).

Add HIST 345, European History Since 1914 (3).

Modify curriculum to include HIST 345, European History Since 1914, in European history course options in BA in History.

Drop HIST 500, Historical Methodology (3).

Add HIST 500, Historiography and Methodology (3:2-2).

Add HIST 548, History of Modern Germany (3).

Modify curriculum to include HIST 548, History of Modern Germany, in the European history course options in BA in History.

Department of Modern Languages

Add FREN 210, Special Topics in Language and Culture (2).

Add FREN 401, Survey of Francophone Literature (4).

Drop FREN 401, Survey of French Literature: From Beginning to 1800 (3).

Drop FREN 402, Survey of French Literature: From 1800 to the present (3).

Modify curriculum to include FREN 310, Advanced Grammar and Composition, as a part of the required curriculum for BA degree in French and add FREN 401 as French requirement.

Add SPAN 210, Special Topics in Language and Culture (2).

Add SPAN 401, Survey of Hispanic Literature (4).

Drop SPAN 401, Survey of Spanish Literature (3).

Drop SPAN 402, Survey of Spanish American Literature (3).

Modify curriculum to include SPAN 310 (4), Advanced Grammar and Composition as part of the required curriculum for BA in Spanish and add Spanish 401 (4) as one of the Spanish requirements.

Drop SPAN 501, Advanced Phonetics (3), and from the MA in SPAN degree.

COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Department of Theatre and Dance

Change grade basis for THRA 270, Technical Theatre Practicum I, and

THRA 271, Technical Theatre Practicum II from "regular" to S/U. These courses are required of all theatre majors.

III. New Business

Report from Academic Affairs

Ms. Karen Jones presented research data prepared by Dr. Karen Kedrowski on selected academic policies at the publicly-funded, four-year universities in South Carolina. Ms. Jones requested that Academic Council appoint a sub-committee to study the following Winthrop University policies and report back to Council:

1. The number of enrolled hours for students on probation.
2. The minimum cumulative GPA by class needed to be placed on probation and removed from probation.
3. The semester GPA required to continue on probation without being suspended.
4. The number of hours required to be classified as a freshman, sophomore, junior and senior.

A motion was made to consider these issues. The motion was unanimously approved. A motion was then made to appoint a task force to study these issues and report back to Academic Council. This motion was also unanimously approved. The members of the task force are as follows: Dr. Kent Foster, Chair, Dr. Jean Silagyi-Rebovich, Dr. Johatha Vare, and Ms. Karen Jones (ex officio).

IV. Announcements

Dr. Bollinger announced that the next Academic Council meeting will be held on March 5, 1999.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Suzanne Burns, Recording Secretary