

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES

October 1, 1999

Academic Council met on Friday, October 1 at 2:00 p.m. in 306 Tillman. Tim Drueke, our new Registrar, attended the meeting.

Members:

Janice Chism, Chair	<i>Biology</i>	Julian Smith	<i>Biology</i>	Jonatha Vare	<i>Education</i>
Gary Alderman	<i>Arts & 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. & Da.</i>
Ray Dockery	<i>Education</i>	Jean Silagyi-Rebovich	<i>Human Nutr.</i>	Mamie Bush	<i>SGA</i>
Kent Foster	<i>CSCI & QM</i>	Susan Silverman	<i>Library</i>	Margaret Williamson	<i>Secretary</i>
Angela Letourneau	<i>Business</i>	Paul Martyka	<i>Art & Design</i>		
David Letourneau	<i>Finance</i>	William Thacker	<i>CSCI</i>		

I. Minutes of the April 9, 1999 meeting were approved.

II. Committee Reports

Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

Dr. Tom Polaski reported that CUI had taken the following curricular actions. No action was needed from Academic Council.

Items approved by CUI - no Academic Council action needed.

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, please let the Chair or Secretary of CUI know as soon as possible so that copies of the appropriate documentation may be made.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dept. of Modern Languages

1. Add ITAL 101,
Elementary Italian (3).

2. Add ITAL 102,
Elementary Italian (3).

Dept. of Sociology

1. Modify BA in Sociology.

Dept. of Social Work

1. Change SCWK 443, Social
Work Field Instruction
course description only.

2. Modify SCWK major
requirements.

Proposal from Gerontology Advising
Committee

1. Review Certificate
program in Gerontology.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

1. Drop VCED 547, Household Equipment
Analysis (3).

2. Add VCED 501, Residential Technology
(3).

3. Drop VCED 300, Dress and human
Behavior (3).

4. Add EDCI 336, Young Children: Insuring
Success (3).

COLLEGE OF VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Dept. of Music

1. Add MUSA 511, Score
Reading (1-2:0.5-1).

2. Add MUST 508, Standard Choral Repertory (3).

3. Add MUST 518, Wind Literature (3).

III. General Education

Dr. Ray Dockery reported that the Gen. Ed. committee met to discuss the Office of Assessment report regarding the SACS requirement that students have computer competency. The committee had distributed a survey to each academic area to determine whether or not computer competency was addressed in their programs. Some did not include any such proficiency expectation, others did to some extent, and others included much. Overall the committee was pleased with the findings. There was agreement that "competency" needed to be defined.

The Council suggested that the General Education Committee and the SACS steering committee work together on incorporating some computer competency in the new general education model.

Ray indicated that the General Education Task Force meets every two weeks. They are putting together comments reflecting on the Asheville General Education Conference attended by several members of the Task Force. They also are working on a new general education model that the Committee will present to Faculty Conference on October 15.

IV. Old Business

A. Repeat Exemption Policy

Margaret Williamson asked the Council for clarification regarding whether or not "N" course designations should be counted as a repeat exemption. After much discussion, the Council unanimously voted to approve the following motion:

"For purposes of repeat exemptions, the designation "N" does not count.

V. New Business

A. Election

Dr. Will Thacker was voted Vice-Chair of Academic Council and Chair of the Exigency Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Future meetings are scheduled for: October 29, December 3, January 28, February 25, and April 7.