

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES

October 2, 1998

Academic Council met on Friday, October 2, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. in 212 Thurmond. Dr. Betsy Brown, Ms. Karen Jones, Dr. Margaret Johnson, Dr. Roger Weikle, and Dr. Melford Wilson attended as visitors.

Members:

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

***Absent**

I. Minutes of the April 10, 1998 meeting were approved.

II. Committee Reports

A. Election of Chair of Financial Exigency Committee

Dr. Ray Dockery was unanimously elected chair of the Financial Exigency Committee. The chair of the Financial Exigency Committee is also the vice chair of Academic Council.

B. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

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

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Drop READ 521, Methods and Materials for Developing Language Arts Skills (3).

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Department of Biology

Modify curriculum: Modify list of courses accepted as Math/Science electives in the required program of the BS degree in BIOL to include "any Math courses (except MATH 291, MATH 292) and any courses used to satisfy the compulsory MATH requirement"; "any Chem courses except CHEM 150, 340 A,B,C, CHEM 461, CHEM 462, CHEM 463"; "any PHYS courses"; "any Geol courses except GEOL 120"; and "QMTH 205, 206 (if MATH 141 is not selected)."

Modify curriculum in Medical Technology degree program list of electives from "MATH 101" to "MATH 101, or 140" and from "Elect 8 hours from CHEM 301-303, 302-304, 310-311, 313-314, 407-409, 502-503, 515, 521-522, 530" to "Elect 8 hours from CHEM 301-303, 302-304, 310-311, 313-314, 407-409, 490, 502-503, 515, 521-522, 523, 524-525, 530."

Modify curriculum in the Medical Technology degree program change list of electives for BIOL from "Elect 8 hours from "BIOL 317, 321, 501, 521, 523, 525, 556; MATH 105, or 201; CSCI 101 or 110" to "Elect 8 hours from BIOL 317, 321, 322, 501, 521, 523, 525, 556; MATH 105, or 201; CSCI 101 or 110."

Department of Human Nutrition

Add NUTR 572, Dietetics Management (3).

Drop NUTR 572, Food Service Systems Management (3).

Add NUTR 534, Seminar in Human Nutrition (3).

Drop NUTR 534, Seminar in Human Nutrition (2).

Department of Social Work

Change prerequisites for SCWK 431, Social Work Intervention I to "HIST 308 or SOCL 314, SCWK 200, SCWK 301 and SCWK 321 and for Social Work Majors Only".

Drop SCWK 430, Communication Skills in Social Work Practice (3).

Add SCWK 432, Social Work Intervention II (3).

Drop SCWK 432, Micro
Level Social Work Practice.

Add SCWK 433, Social
Work Intervention III (3).

Drop SCWK 433, Macro
Level Social Work Practice
(3).

Add SCWK 434,
Interpersonal Help in Skills
in Social Work Practice (3).

Drop SCWK 441, Field
Instruction I (6).

Drop SCWK 442, Field
Instruction II (6).

Add SCWK 443, Social
Work Field Instruction (12).

Drop SCWK 461, Field
Seminar I (1).

Drop SCWK 462, Field
Seminar II (1).

Add SCWK 463, Social
Work Field Seminar (2).

Drop SCWK 501, Child
Development II, Laboratory
(1:0-2).

Drop SCWK 503, Infant
Development and Care
Laboratory (1:0-2).

Drop SCWK 531, Child
Development II (2).

Drop SCWK 533, Infant
Development and Care (2).

Drop SCWK 534, Parent Education (3).

Drop SCWK 538, Internship in Child or Family Development (6:1-12).

Add requirement for BSW in Social Work degree to "status as a major requires conduct that comports to NASW Code of Ethics."

Add requirement for BSW in Social Work that "student must have at least a GPA of 2.20 in all social work courses prior to enrollment in the four social work intervention courses: SCWK 431, 432, 433, 434."

Department of Mass Communication

Add IMCO 553, Special Topics in Integrated Marketing (3).

Add MCOM 340, Publication Production (3:2-2).

Modify curriculum from "students are expected to earn a "C" or better in each required course in the major" to "students are required to earn a "C" or better in all courses in IMCO, MCOM, MGMT and MKTG."

Modify curriculum for Integrated Marketing Communication; remove MATH 141 from list of courses to meet statistics requirement.

Modify curriculum in Mass Communication to permit majors to exceed 34 hour limit of MCOM courses when they take an elective course approved as liberal arts in nature by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Department of Political Science

Include Topics in Political Inquiry, PLSC 510, Democratic Theory, to qualify in the political thought and methodology category under the degree requirements for the Political Science Department.

Department of Psychology

Waive PSYC 303 for psychology majors who transfer from biology if the student has completed BIOL 300 with a grade of "C" or better.

Department of Chemistry/Physics

Add GEOL 320, Marine Geology (3).

Drop GEOL 320, Marine Geology (2).

Add GEOL 330, Southeastern Regional Geology (3).

Drop GEOL 330, Southeastern Regional Geology (2).

Add GEOL 335,
Fundamentals of
Geochemistry (3).

Add GEOL 340,
Hydrogeology (3).

Change prerequisites for
GEOL 110, Physical Geology
from none to corequisite of
GEOL 113.

Change prerequisites for
GEOL 113, Introductory
Geology Lab to corequisite
with GEOL 110.

Drop GEOL 115,
Environmental Geology (3).

Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

Add RELG 310, Early Jewish
and Christian Self-Definition
(3).

Add RELG 320, Religion in
America (3).

Modify curriculum change
RELG 315 (3) Religions of
the Ancient Mediterranean to
RELG 320 Religion in
America as required course in
concentration in religion
track for BA in Philosophy
and Religious Studies
Degree.

Dr. Polaski also explained that the committee was working on procedures. Any curriculum action that is particular to one unit and has unanimous approval of CUI does not require Academic Council approval. However, any item can be taken off of the approved list and be discussed by the Council. If you would like to discuss any action, please

contact Dr. Polaski a few days before the meeting so that he can provide further documentation to Academic Council. Dr. Polaski also asked Academic Council for guidance regarding what kind of issues should be brought forth for vote.

C. General Education

Ms. Marilyn Sarow reported that there will be four group meetings to further discuss general education. They are also administering a questionnaire to all faculty. The committee would like input into the process from everyone.

III. New Business

A. Receiving Minutes Via E-mail

A motion was made to distribute Academic Council minutes to faculty and staff by e-mail and to maintain a web page containing the minutes, therefore eliminating the need for printed copies (except for the archived copies) for distribution. This motion was unanimously approved. Academic Affairs will maintain the web page and the Office of Records and Registration will distribute the approved minutes via e-mail.

B. Report from Academic Affairs

Dr. Melford Wilson discussed the following issues with Academic Council:

1. General Education

Dr. Wilson requested involvement from Academic Council in the general education revision process. He would like general education at Winthrop to be distinctive. The process does not have to be finished this year, but he would like to have a relatively clear idea of what it is going to be this year so that it could go into effect Fall 2000.

2. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Dr. Wilson said that a report will be presented on this issue at the next Academic Council meeting.

3. Data on Retention

Dr. Wilson explained that the retention of students until graduation is the best way to utilize faculty resources. He will provide a report at the next meeting looking at what other schools in the state are doing. Issues related to probation will be explored.

4. Strategic Plan

Winthrop is required to have a strategic plan in place by the end of February or beginning of March.

C. Post-Tenure Review Policy and Procedure

Ms. Susan Silverman and Dr. Marsha Bollinger are members of a Post-Tenure Review Task Force. A draft of the Post-Tenure Review Policy was previously distributed. For Performance Funding purposes, a policy must be passed by the Board of Trustees by February 1. Academic Council was asked for comments on the draft.

IV. Announcements

Dr. Bollinger announced that Academic Council is scheduled to meet on the following dates: November 6, 1998, December 4, 1998, January 29, 1999, March 5, 1999 and April 9, 1999.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Suzanne Burns, Recording Secretary

