

**WINTHROP UNIVERSITY**  
**ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES**  
October 6, 2000

Academic Council met on Friday October 6, 2000 at 2:00 pm in 308 Tillman Hall.

**Members:**

William Thacker	<i>Computer Science</i>	Angela Letourneau*	<i>Business</i>	Jonatha Vare	<i>Education</i>
Ray Dockery	<i>Education</i>	David Letourneau*	<i>Finance</i>	Lois Walker	<i>Library</i>
Anne Fletcher	<i>Theatre and Dance</i>	Paul Martyka	<i>Art &amp; Design</i>	Virginia Williams	<i>History</i>
Kent Foster	<i>Computer Science</i>	Jonathan Marx	<i>Sociology</i>	Rodney Brown	<i>SGA</i>
Karen Kedrowski*	<i>Political Science</i>	Jean Silagyi- Rebovich	<i>Human Nutrition</i>	Tim Druke	<i>Secretary</i>
Katherine Kinsey	<i>Music</i>	Julian Smith	<i>Biology</i>	<b>* Absent</b>	
Heakyung Lee	<i>Mathematics</i>	Gale Teaster	<i>Library</i>		

Guests Present: Melford Wilson, Karen Jones, Susan Marks, Paula Mitchell

**I. Minutes from the September 1, 2000 meeting were approved.**

**II. Report from Academic Affairs**

Dr. Melford Wilson had nothing to report.

**III. Committee Reports**

A. General Education Task Force

Ray Dockery reported the Task Force will be meeting with Chairs and Deans to move to the next stage and review the needs of each department and college. These meetings will be occurring in the next three weeks.

Questions were asked regarding the procedures for presenting any new General Education program. Ray Dockery indicated a large amount of information would be reviewed and provided to faculty, including evaluations, assessment and potential impacts of any changes before it would be presented to Academic Council or Faculty Conference.

B. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

Jonatha Vare reported CUI had taken the following curricular actions at its meeting September 27, 2000. No action on the first items was needed from Academic Council. Action was requested for the proposal from Environmental Sciences/Studies.

## **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**

### **Proposal from Environmental Science/Studies Program Planning Committee:**

1. **Add** ENVS101 (3), Introduction to Environmental Issues.
2. **Add** ENVS495 (3), Independent Research in the Environment I.
3. **Add** ENVS496 (3), Independent Research in the Environment II.
4. **Add** ENVS510 (3), Special Topics in the Environment.
5. **Add** ENVS520 (3), Senior Seminar in the Environment.

### **Proposal from Committee for African American Studies:**

6. **Modify** minor in African American Studies to include THRT212 (3), African-American Theatre and PLSC338 (3), Government and Politics of Africa, as elective options.

### **Department of Political Science**

7. **Add** PLSC325 (3), Environmental Politics.
8. **Add** PLSC506 (3), International Political Economy.

### **Department of History**

9. **Drop** INAS361 (2), League of Arab States.
10. **Drop** INAS362 (1), League of Arab States.
11. **Add** HIST530 (3), World Environmental History (to support Environmental Sciences/Studies Program)

### **Proposal from Gerontology Program:**

**Modify** gerontology certificate program by changing required courses from 18 to 15 hours. (Drop Integrative course from the proposed curriculum.)

## **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

### **Department of Curriculum & Instruction**

Revision of Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education

12. **Drop** ECED434 Teaching Social Studies in Early Childhood Education
13. **Drop** ECED391 Principles of Teaching Early Childhood Education
14. **Add** ECED391 Teaching Social Studies in Early Childhood Education
15. **Drop** ECED333 Creative Activities for Young Children
16. **Add** ECED333 Creative Activities for Young Children
17. **Add** ECED109 Management and Supervision of Child Care Centers
18. **Modify** Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education degree program

Revision in Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education

19. **Drop** EED(ELEM)341 Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary School
20. **Add** ELEM341 Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary School
21. **Add** ELEM293 Laboratory Experiences in Public Schools
22. **Drop** ELEM391 Principles of Teaching Grades 1-8
23. **Add** ELEM391 Principles of Teaching Grades K-6
24. **Drop** ELEM392 Field Experiences in Teaching Grades 1-8
25. **Add** ELEM392 Field Experiences in Teaching Grades K-6
26. **Drop** ELEM393 Laboratory Experiences in Public Schools
27. **Drop** READ461 Introduction to teaching Reading in the Elementary School
28. **Add** READ461 Introduction to teaching Reading in the Elementary School
29. **Drop** EDMD510 Book and other Media for Children
30. **Add** READ510 Literature for Children
31. **Modify** Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education degree program

**Department of Health and Physical Education**

32. **Drop** PHED367 Activities for the Elementary Level
33. **Add** PHED370 Health, Movement and Fitness concepts for the Classroom Teacher
34. **Modify** Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences degree program

**Jonatha Vare presented the following items reviewed by CUI and forwarded to Academic Council for discussion. The catalog copy for the proposed programs are attached, additional supporting materials may be reviewed by contacting the secretary of Academic Council (Tim Druke at 4862).**

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

1. **Add** major in Environmental Sciences.
2. **Add** major in Environmental Studies.

### 3. **Add Designator ENVS** for Environmental Sciences/Studies

During discussion on the Environmental Sciences degree program, Susan Marks, chair of the Environmental Science/Studies Program Planning Committee, answered questions regarding the Math requirements. A friendly amendment was proposed and accepted to add a line in the General Education area to include MATH101 or equivalent competency, 0-3 hours. The amendment was accepted and the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences was approved.

The Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies was discussed next. During discussion it was noted there should also be a reference to the MATH requirement. It was also discussed to add a reference to the foreign language requirement. The following were added to the BA in Environmental Studies by friendly amendment: Foreign Language Requirement - 3-6\*; MATH101 or 140 or equivalent competency - 0-3. The BA in Environmental Studies was approved.

The course designator ENVS – Environmental Sciences/Studies was approved without discussion.

## **IV. Old Business**

Paula Mitchell, Chair of the Rules Committee presented a proposal to include Suspension of an Academic Program in the Faculty Manual for discussion and comment. The proposed changes were included in the agenda packet. The Rules Committee was asked to review the procedures by Academic Council last year. During discussion, the procedures for changing the Faculty Manual and the need to include faculty in the suspension process were covered. The Council agreed the proposed changes covered the items requested in April: 1.) to clarify the terminology related to program suspension and 2.) to include the consultation of the faculty.

The Academic Council thanks the Rules Committee for their work on this proposed change. The Rules Committee will take the comments from Academic Council and make any necessary adjustments to the proposal before presenting to the Faculty Conference.

## **V. New Business**

A. Jean Silagyi-Rebovich gave a PowerPoint presentation on concerns regarding On-Line courses and policies. The presentation is attached. Brief discussion after the presentation concluded the Council should revisit this after the Office of Effective Teaching's sessions regarding this topic occur in the spring.

B. Anne Fletcher, on behalf of the University-Wide Petitions committee proposed changing the date when a student must request academic forgiveness for past coursework. Current policy indicates students must 'exercise or waive the "academic forgiveness"

option at the time he or she is readmitted to Winthrop.’ It was moved and seconded to change the last paragraph to:

The student must exercise or waive the “academic forgiveness” option before the end of the first semester in which he or she was readmitted to Winthrop. During discussion a friendly amendment was proposed and accepted to change the deadline to the ‘end of the first week of the second semester’. After further discussion the following change was approved to be forwarded to the Faculty Conference: The student must exercise or waive the “academic forgiveness” option before the end of the first week of the second semester in which he or she was readmitted to Winthrop.

## **VI. Announcements**

Tim Drueke announced the Final Exam Schedule will be posted on the Records and Registration web site by October 13, 2000.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.