

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES

November 6, 1998

Academic Council met on Friday, November 6, 1998, at 3:00 p.m. in 212 Thurmond. Mr. Rodney Brown, Dr. Wanda DeLeo, Mr. Jerrod Lowery, Dr. Tom Moore, Dr. Jennifer Solomon, 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 Williamso
Angela Letourneau	Business	Seymour Simmons	Art & Design	Suzanne Burns
David Letourneau	Finance	Lynn Smith	Visual & P.A.	

***Absent**

I. Minutes of the October 2, 1998 meeting were approved as corrected.

II. Committee Reports

A. General Education

Ms. Marilyn Sarow reported that the Faculty/Staff hearings and two of the student meetings on General Education have been completed. There will be an additional meeting with a student group.

B. Financial Exigency Committee

Dr. Ray Dockery reported that the Financial Exigency Committee will meet on November 20, 1998, with Mr. J. P. McKee.

III. New Business

A. Repeat Exemption Revisited

Dr. Will Thacker asked that a portion of the Repeat Exemption Policy be reexamined by Academic Council. Dr. Thacker brought up that when the new repeat exemption policy was created the issue of whether a student should be charged with a repeat exemption in the case where a student received an N in a course and then retakes the course was not explicitly addressed. Currently, the registrar is not charging students with a repeat exemption in such cases. A motion was made that Council not study this issue. The motion was approved. A motion was then made to send the issue of Repeat Exemptions to the Petitions Committee to study and bring back a recommendation. This motion passed.

B. Grading System

Dr. Marsha Bollinger reported that on September 6, 1996, Academic Council tabled the issue of implementing a plus/minus grading system because of a lack of consensus and a heavy work load. Academic Council discussed the possibility of revisiting this issue this year. A motion was made to develop a strategy to address the plus/minus grading system. The motion was defeated.

IV. Old Business

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration - Task Force Report

The Task Force on the Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day presented a Report to Academic Council. After discussion of the report, the following actions were taken:

1. A motion was made that Academic Council accept the "Key Principles" as presented in the document with the exception of, "The current administration of the celebration day, arranged through the Office of Student Development, is appropriate and the event should continue to be coordinated through this office." This motion was approved.

2. A motion was made that Academic Council support the rescheduling of courses that meet on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, beginning January, 2000. This motion was approved.

3. A motion was made to recommend that the Vice President of Academic Affairs appoint a committee in conjunction with Student Development to coordinate the activities of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. This motion was approved.

4. A motion was made to send the full report of the task force to Faculty Conference. This motion was approved.

V. Announcements

Dr. Bollinger announced that the next Academic Council meeting will be held on December 4, 1998.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Suzanne Burns, Recording Secretary