

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES

December 3, 1999

Academic Council met on Friday, December 3, 1999 at 2:00 pm in 306 Tillman. Dr. Melford Wilson attended as a visitor.

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>	Tim Druke	<i>Secretary</i>
Angela Letourneau	<i>Business</i>	Paul Martyka*	<i>Art & Design</i>		
David Letourneau	<i>Finance</i>	William Thacker	<i>CSCI</i>		

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I. Minutes of the October 29, 1999 meeting were approved.

II. Report from Academic Affairs

Dr. Melford Wilson provided a report from Academic Affairs. He reported that national expert on General Education, Don Farmer will come to campus to visit with the faculty on February 4, 2000. There has been much discussion regarding the selection of the new institutional peer group. The goal is to set a peer group that matches Winthrop in both Carnegie classification and in national rankings. CHE has begun a study on the costs associated with reporting for performance funding. Winthrop spends a large amount on gathering and preparing the information we send to CHE.

Dr. Wilson further reported on the progress of several accreditation visits in the departments of Psychology and Nutrition and in the College of Business. Dr. Wilson also stated he felt this had been a very good semester with no major crises.

III. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

Tom Polaski reported the CUI had taken the following curricular actions. No action on these items was needed from Academic Council

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

Honors Program

1. Add HONR450H (3)
Thesis Research

Department of Mass Communication

1. Change prereq: IMCO475,
Senior standing, C or better
in MCOM341, MCOM370,
MKTG435, 533 and 2.0 or
higher GPA.

Department of Political Science

1. Add PLSC337 (3) Women
and Global Politics
2. Add PLSC338 (3)
Government and Politics of
Africa

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Department of Curriculum and Instruction

1. Drop ECED432, Teaching Mathematics in Early Childhood Education (2)
2. Drop ECED433, Teaching Science in Early Childhood Education (2)
3. Drop ECED434, Teaching Social Studies in Early Childhood Education (2)
4. Add ECED432, Teaching Mathematics in Early Childhood Education (3)
5. Add ECED433, Teaching Science in Early Childhood Education (3)
6. Add ECED434, Teaching Social Studies in Early Childhood Education (3)
7. Drop ECED/VCED331, Child Development I (2)
8. Drop ECED/VCED301, Child Development I Laboratory (1)
9. Add EDCI331, Community Connections for Families (3)
10. Program Change for Early Childhood Education

COLLEGE OF VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Department of Music

1. Drop MUST423. Organ Improvisation and Conducting (1)

2. Drop MUST425. Hymn
Playing (1)

3. Drop MUST504. Organ
Design and Maintenance (1)

4. Drop MUST517. Liturgy
and Music (3)

5. Drop MUST526.
Hymnody (3)

Department of Art and Design

1. Drop ARTS310. Graphic
Communication

2. Drop ARTS345. Crafts

3. Drop ARTS450. Selected
Topics in Art

4. Drop INDS509. Interior
Design Study Tour

5. Drop INDS551-59. Special
Topics: Interior Design

B. General Education

Ray Dockery reported that the Gen Ed committee met November 30, 1999 to discuss the addition of SCIE201E as a course to meet General Education requirements for Area II. Academic Council felt since all other SCIE201 courses are already included we do not have to approve the course and the General Education committee can approve the course.

Gale Teaster asked the General Education committee to postpone the CISM review since the General Education program is itself under review. Academic Council by consent approved the postponement of the CISM review until Fall 2001.

C. General Education Task Force

Ray Dockery reported the General Education Task Force is in the process of identifying the competencies for the inner core of the proposed revised Gen Ed curriculum. The next step will be the development of extensive course outlines for the proposed courses in the inner core. The Task Force would like to develop the courses over the summer and then start experimental sections in Fall 2000 and Spring 2001.

The council discussed Jeff Sinn's campus wide e-mail proposing a list serve discussion group on Gen Ed. The Council encourages dialogue regarding General Education and supports the creation of a General Education list serve. The council passed the following motion: Academic Council endorses the General Education list serve proposed by Jeff Sinn in his e-mail.

Janice Chism reported that one of the students who was appointed to the General Education Task Force is graduating, and it would be appropriate to find another student to join the task force. It was moved and seconded to appoint another student to the General Education Task force to replace the one who is graduating. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the timing and necessary approvals of the proposed inner core multidisciplinary courses. The Council considered whether such courses need to complete the full approval process or if they be developed as 'X' courses. The following motion was brought forward and passed: Academic Council requests that the General Education Task Force bring their proposed course outlines for the inner core courses to the January 28, 2000, Council meeting.

D. Financial Exigency

The Financial Exigency committee will meet December 8, 1999 at 2:00 in 110 Tillman.

IV. Old Business

A discussion on retention issues was delayed until the next meeting due to not having the necessary information from the Retention group.

V. New Business

The design of the current drop slips was discussed. The Council considered whether there should be a place on the form for the instructor to assign the N or F at the time of the drop. There was also a request for faculty to retain their copy when they sign the drop. The council felt that the signature of the instructor is needed to maintain the interaction between the student and the instructor at the time of the drop. The Council did not recommend any changes in the drop slip format at this time.

Mamie Bush reported that SGA has altered the Fee Allocation process and will bring a request to Faculty Conference to select two faculty for the committee.

Melford Wilson mentioned SACS requires course syllabi contain the course objectives. E-mail will be sent to the faculty reminding them of this requirement.

As this was the first Academic Council meeting after Early Registration, the Registrar was asked about the lines at registration and the need for course prerequisite checking. The Council was assured that both concerns would be dealt with when web registration is brought on-line.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.