

**ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
AGENDA  
September 21, 2018  
MacFeat Conference Room A**

- I. Welcome back and comments (Jo Koster, Chair)**
- II. Approval of the minutes for April 6, 2018, and April 20, 2018 (by e-mail)**
- III. Report from the Provost (Debra Boyd)**
- IV. Report from the Council of Student Leaders (Ximena Perez-Velasco)**
- V. Report from the Committee on University Curriculum (Laura Glasscock)**  
*The committee met via email since Winthrop University classes were cancelled due to inclement weather associated with Hurricane Florence.*  
*The following 17 Proposals for Course Action were approved:*

<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Action</b>
CBLN351	Special Topics in Community-Based Learning	<b>Modify course</b>
EXSC384	Exercise Physiology	<b>Modify course</b>
HDFS450	Family Stress and Resilience	<b>Modify course</b>
IDVS395	Directed Research in Individualized Studies	<b>Modify course</b>
INDS111	111. Interior Design Studio: Fundamentals (3:1:6)	<b>Drop Course</b>
INDS300	Interior Design Portfolio Review	<b>Drop Course</b>
INDS313	313. Spatial Analysis and Theory II (3:1:6)	<b>Drop Course</b>
INDS323	323. Presentation Techniques II (3:1:6)	<b>Drop Course</b>
INDS443	443. Textile Design: Structural (3:7).	<b>Drop Course</b>
MCOM311	Digital Culture and Society	<b>New course</b>
MCOM390	Culture of Media Startups	<b>New course</b>
MUSA180	Piano Class for Musical Theatre	<b>Modify course</b>
MUST591	591. Principles of Teaching Music: Secondary (3).	<b>Modify course</b>
PFST301	Introduction to Professional Studies	<b>New course</b>

PFST302	Diversity and Collaboration in the Workplace	<b>New course</b>
PFST303	Applied Critical Thinking	<b>New course</b>

*The following Proposal for Course Action was denied:*

PHYS250	250. Matter and Energy (4:4:0).	<b>Modify course</b>
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*PHYS 250: The course requested to change the prerequisite to: "Completion of General Education Quantitative Skills Requirement with a grade of S or C or above." This request was a carryover from last year. The committee felt that the course should accept a C- instead of a C to be consistent with the S. This vote was unanimous.*

*There were no Proposals for Program Change to be reviewed at this meeting.*

**VI. Report from the General Education Curriculum Committee (Kristen Abernathy)**  
**A. Recertification**

The following courses were approved for recertification in the appropriate categories:

**SOCIAL SCIENCE**

EDCO 200

**ORAL**

THRA 120

**B. First Certify**

The following course was approved for inclusion:

**GLOBAL**

MCOM 304

**VII. New Business**

**A. The Registrar (Gina Jones) requests that Academic Council consider whether the following statements are still required in the Undergraduate Catalog:**

*Transferring students who have completed course work in general studies programs are permitted to transfer only 15 semester hours of selected courses from such programs into any curriculum at Winthrop. The selection of the courses and the applicability to the curriculum is determined by the academic division receiving the student.*

*Only 65 hours from a two-year college may be applied toward a baccalaureate degree.*

Given that students have to complete at least 12 hours in their major at Winthrop and that they have to complete at least 40 hours above the 299 level, this number seems to be arbitrary and unnecessary.

**VIII. Old Business**

- A. Online attendance policy update (Jo Koster)
- B. Constitution Requirement discussions update (Members of the ad hoc committee)
- C. Cultural Events Policy revisions update (Michael Lipscomb)
- D. Proposal from the GRADE Group regarding plus/minus grading
- E. Discussion of moving the deadline for submitting final grades back to the end of the weekend of Commencement

**IX. Announcements/Adjournment**