

**Academic Council Minutes  
November 21, 2014**

Abbigail Armstrong	Education
Adolphus Belk	Arts and Sciences
Judy Brit*	Education
Janice Chism, Chair	Arts and Sciences
Ian Deas*	CSL Student Representative
Tomoko Deguchi*	Visual & Performing Arts
Marguerite Doman	Business Administration
Laura Glasscock	Arts and Sciences
Lisa Harris	Education
Trent Kull	Arts and Sciences
Stephanie Lawson	Business Administration
David Meeler	Arts and Sciences
Marge Moody	Visual & Performing Arts
Ron Parks	Visual & Performing Arts
Dave Pretty	Arts and Sciences
Spiro Shetuni	Dacus Library
Will Thacker	Business Administration
Ginger Williams	Arts and Sciences
Gina Jones, Secretary	Registrar

\*absent

Guests: Tim Drueke, Andrew Vorder-Bruegge, and Jarvis Jackson

**I. Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting of 3 October, 2014 – approved via email**

**II. Remarks from the Chair (Janice Chism)**

Regarding the process of changes in Gen Ed: Dr. Chism has been watching this play out in the College of Arts and Sciences. The goal is to make this a more flexible system and easier for students changing majors and transfer students to move smoothly through the Gen Ed requirements as well as bring down the total hours. She asked to let us firmly hold on to the goal of these changes and not get hung up in the bureaucratic process.

Dr. David Meeler reminded everyone of the guiding principles presented in the document that was passed last spring. Dr. Chism admitted that what worries her is that we'll make this more complicated. Programs are different and we're trying to streamline as much as possible.

Dr. Meeler noted that the limitation of two courses in the major may cause a student to take more courses.

**III. Comments from Acting President and Provost (Debra Boyd)**

Dr. Boyd was at the Trustees Meeting and could not be with us today. Mr. Tim Druke spoke on her behalf. He announced that Competitive Compensation will be put as one of our key performance indicators and that Dr. Boyd will be forming a group to discuss the changing of the name of Tillman Hall.

**IV. Committee Reports**

***A. CUC (Will Thacker)***

The Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum met at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, November 14, 2014.

**Program Change Items (Degree) were approved unanimously and forwarded to Faculty Conference for action:**

<b>Degree</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Conc.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Action</b>
BA	ARTS	CERT	Fine Arts	<b>MODIFY PROGRAM:</b> Reduce number of hours required for the program from 129 to 128; Remove ARTE 592, EDUC 401 and EDUC 402 from list of required courses; Add EDUC 400 and 403 to required courses

BA	DANC	CERT	Theatre and Dance	<b>MODIFY PROGRAM:</b> Reduce number of hours required in the major from 53 to 52; Remove DCED 392, EDUC 401 and EDUC 402 from list of required courses; Add EDUC 400 and 403 to required courses in the major
BA	THRT	CERT	Theatre and Dance	<b>MODIFY PROGRAM:</b> Reduce number of hours required in the major from 55 to 54; Remove THED 392, EDUC 401 and EDUC 402 from list of courses required in the major; Add EDUC 400 and 403 to required courses in the major; Increase electives from 5 to 8
BME	CHOR		Music	<b>MODIFY PROGRAM:</b> Reduce number of hours required for the program from 135 to 134; Change Quantitative Skills Requirement to include MATH 105, 151 and 201; Reduce the number of hours required in the Professional Education Sequence from 38 to 37; Remove EDUC 401 and EDUC 402 from list of required courses; Add EDUC 400 and 403 to list of required courses
BME	INST		Music	<b>MODIFY PROGRAM:</b> Reduce the range of the number of hours required for the program from 135-136 to 135; Change Quantitative Skills Requirement to include MATH 105, 151, and 201; Increase number of hour required for Music Core-Theoretical from 40 to 41; Require MUST 341 for all students; Reduce number of credits in the Professional Education Sequence from 38 to 37; Remove EDUC 401, EDUC 402, MUST 592 and MUST 593 from list of required courses; Add EDUC 400 and 403 to list of required courses

It was noted that the program changes reflect changes that needed to get put through before the next cycle. These are certifications accommodating new education courses.

Dr. Meeler commented about the number of hours. Dr. Thacker then explained the rationale of the changes starting before the new Gen Ed was approved. Dr. Chism said when these go to faculty conference, we should be clear on these.

### ***B. General Education (Laura Glasscock)***

#### **New Certifications**

Global:	ENGL 333
Humanities and Arts:	ENGL 333
	RELG 350
Natural Sciences:	CHEM 123x
Social Sciences:	SCWK 200

Oral: SCWK 431  
Technology: GEOG 308

**The courses above were approved unanimously by Academic Council and will be forwarded to Faculty Conference for action.**

**Recertifications**

Global: PLSC 260  
Historical: ENGL 203  
ENGL 211  
Humanities and Arts: ENGL 200  
ENGL 203  
ENGL 208  
ENGL 211  
PEAC 200  
THRT 298  
VCOM 222  
VCOM 258  
LLS: VCOM 261  
Natural Sciences: GEOL210/211  
GEOL 250/251  
PHYS 211  
PHYS 256  
Social Sciences: ECON 216  
PLSC 201  
Technology: VCOM 261

**Conditional Approval** (because of ULCs not being on the syllabus)

Humanities and Arts: THRT 210  
Social Sciences: EDUC 200

**Not Approved**

Natural Sciences: PHYS 250  
PHYS 253  
Social Sciences: ECON 215

Reason: Not enough writing to satisfy the writing component.

## **V. Remarks from Council of Student Leaders Chair (Ian Deas)**

Vice Chair, Jarvis Jackson filled in for Mr. Deas.

Mr. Jackson stated that the Council had had three speakers this semester: The director of dining services, who spoke about new options; Dr. Kristi Schoepfer, who talked about the Leadership program; and Dr. Keely who spoke about the smoking policy. The Council did discuss the changing of the name of Tillman Hall including naming the auditorium. They are spotlighting different departments through The Johnsonian. They have chartered several new organizations and re-chartered others. The Council has allocated \$ 16,000 so far to student organizations. Next semester's activities will include holding a Garnet and Gold Gala for unity and the LIFT (Leadership Institute for First-Timers) conference in the spring. Mr. Jackson asked that we encourage students to register. It is free for them.

## **VI. Old Business**

### **A. Update on General Education Working Groups on the Activity, Technology and Quantitative Requirements**

Dr. Glasscock and Dr. Chism have met with the working groups. They are steaming forward to get these requirements in place. Dr. Parks indicated his group (Technology) had met once and is wrestling with reducing hours while questioning whether it being met in the major is general enough.

Dr. Kull announced that the Quantitative group has a draft of the requirement. The Philosophy and Religious Studies department is concerned with whether the logic class can meet a quantitative requirement.

Dr. Harris stated her group (Activity) had drafted language and sent to the PESH department chair. She thinks it will come back quickly.

### **B. Academic Integrity**

Dr. Belk stated that the academic integrity group is being reformed. He needs representation from VPA and Business. Dr. Stephanie Lawson volunteered.

Regarding reporting Academic Integrity violations, some department chairs feel that this would create too much work for faculty. There are variations in how departments handle this. They are concerned about consistency and due process.

Dr. Meeler shared that during the repeat discussion (the Repeat Exemption Policy), if an F is received because of academic integrity issues, a student could repeat the course and have the F taken out of gpa. Dr. Pretty commented that we would have to have a new grade for these Fs per the Registrar.

Mr. Jackson indicated the Council of Student Leaders has had discussions. The feedback is that signing a statement would not change the culture.

Dr. Meeler said that studies have shown that when students are asked to read a code, the very act can reduce cheating.

Dr. Belk commented that people behave differently when they know they're being observed.

Dr. Chism stated that we want to know what students think; it's important for faculty, too.

### **VII. New Business**

Dr. Boyd and Dr. Chism have talked about the Gen Ed core (WRIT 101, HMXP 102, CRTW 201). Dr. Boyd was adamant that we not do anything with these this year--maybe set up a working group in the spring. One thing we need to do is get a cycle set up to review Gen Ed criteria.

### **VIII. Announcements**

Huge amounts of course actions have come through. Dr. Chism was surprised at the small amount brought to AC this time. There is a lot out there still, so the optional meeting in January is going to be held January 23. She wished everyone a Happy "Turkey" day.

### **IX. Adjournment**

Dr. Chism adjourned the Council at 2:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina Jones, Secretary