AGENDA
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
September 3, 2004
Tillman 308, 2:00 p.m.

I. Approval of minutes of April 16, 2004 meeting (attached).

II. Chair's remarks and introduction of new members. (Frank Pullano)

III. VPAA's remarks. (Dr. Tom Moore)

IV. Committee Reports

    a. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction:

    b. General Education (William Seyfried):

The General Education Committee recommends that Academic Council and the Faculty Conference eliminate the requirement that the Technology course must be taken within 54 hours.

Rationale: The original intent of this requirement was for Winthrop students to have met minimal technology competencies early in their college careers; however some of the academic departments are requiring a much more advanced level of competencies and the 54 hours requirement is a barrier to their holding higher standards (for instance, WRIT 501 could not be taken by the 54 hour mark for the English major; BIOL 300 & 480 could not be taken by the 54 hour limit for the BIOL major; likewise for the interior design major trying to take INDS 234 & 488 within the first 54 hours). While this may not affect many programs, it will hinder their efforts to expect more complex skills of their students.

V. Old Business

    Cultural Events (John Bird)

VI. New Business

VII. Announcements and Meeting Dates for 2004-2005 Academic Year:
All future Academic Council meetings will take place in 308 Tillman at 2 pm. The planned meeting dates are October 8, November 5, January 14, February 18, and April 8.

VIII. Adjournment