

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
October 6, 2006

Academic Council met on Friday, October 6, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in 308 Tillman Hall.

Members:

Tom Polaski, Chair	Mathematics	Steve Frankforter	Business Administration
Siobhan Brownson	English Business	Bob Gorman*	Library
Clarence Coleman	Administration Business	Susan Green	Pedagogy
Michael Cornick	Administration	Mark Hamilton	Art and Design
Beth Costner*	Mathematics	Lisa Johnson	Education
Litasha Dennis	English	Donna Nelson	Psychology
Jennifer Disney	Political Science	Will Thacker	Computer Science
Chad Dresbach	Art and Design	Bruce Thompson	Music
Rebecca Evers	Education	Hanna Sane*	Chair, CSL (designee)
		Timothy Drueke	Records/Registration

* Absent

Guests present: Tim Daugherty, Mark Herring, and Tom Moore

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair Polaski.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the September 8, 2006 meeting were approved via email.

II. Chair's Remarks

Tom Polaski welcomed Steve Frankforter to the council as he was unable to attend last month's meeting.

III. Vice President of Academic Affairs' Remarks

Vice President Moore indicated the semester is off to a good start from his perspective. He thanked those who are teaching this semester and doing the primary work of our institution. He also mentioned that additional reminders regarding the course withdrawal deadline will be sent to faculty and students.

IV. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports as neither the Committee on Undergraduate Instruction nor the General Education committee met since the last council meeting.

V. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VI. New Business

A. Faculty Governance Review

Chair Polaski requested feedback on the completed Faculty Governance Review form as distributed in the agenda. There was none. Tim Daugherty asked the council for feedback on the role of the Academic Council and the possibility of making the council the final practical authority for most faculty governance matters (with Faculty Conference maintaining an appellate function).

B. Plus/Minus grading

Vice President Moore was asked about the status of the University-wide group that is to convene to discuss the various issues regarding the change to plus/minus grading. Vice President Moore reported the group has been notified, but has not yet met. He encouraged the council to have their departments review their courses and degree programs so they can quickly respond to the committees' inquiries.

VIII. Announcements

Registrar Tim Drueke reminded the council of the upcoming start to advising (October 18) and registration (November 1) for Spring 2007. Reminders will be sent to students and faculty regarding the course withdrawal deadline on October 20.

The next meeting will be on November 3, 2006 at 2:00 pm in Tillman 308.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy A. Drueke
Secretary