

**WINTHROP UNIVERSITY**  
**ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES**  
April 6, 2007

Academic Council met on Friday, April 6, 2007 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: Debra Boyd, Karen Jones, Peter Judge, Kathy Lyon, David Meeler, Margaret Williamson

2007-2008 members present: Bret Becton, College of Business, Mel Horton, College of Education, Sue Spencer, College of Education

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. by Chair Polaski.

### **I. Minutes**

The minutes of the February 16, 2007 meeting were approved via email.

### **II. Chair's Remarks**

Chair Polaski welcomed everyone and noted we had a long agenda, but we should be able to move quickly through everything. He also congratulated the members who will be rotating off the Council this meeting.

### **III. Vice President of Academic Affairs' Remarks**

Dr. Moore was not in attendance.

## IV. Committee Reports

### *A. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction*

Clarence Coleman presented the report of the Committee on Undergraduate Instruction. The following items required Council approval:

#### **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

##### **Department of History**

##### ***Peace, Justice, and Conflict Resolution Studies Program***

**Modify** minor in Peace, Justice and Conflict Resolution Studies to **add** HIST 410 (3) Gandhi to the list of elective courses in the minor.

The modification to the minor in Peace, Justice and Conflict Resolution Studies was approved.

#### **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

##### **Department of Computer Science**

**Modify** BS in Computer Science by allowing internship credit to count within the major.

The modification to the BS in Computer Science was approved.

#### **COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS**

##### **Department of Music**

**Modify** the BME Choral and Instrumental programs to **replace** MUSA 171 with MUSA 296, to **require** a sophomore review to evaluate all music education candidates for eligibility for entry into the Teacher Education program, and to **add** MUSA 156, Wind Symphony (1) as one of the major ensemble options.

**Modify** the BM Performance degree to **add** MUSA 156, Wind Symphony (1) as one of the major ensemble options.

The modification to these Music majors was approved.

##### **Department of Theatre and Dance**

**Modify** BA in Theatre, Theatre performance, to **allow** students to select two of three practicums (170, 171, 173) instead of requiring both 170 and 171, and to **require** that all theatre majors attain a minimum cumulative gpa of 2.0 in the major program.

**Modify** BA in Theatre, Theatre Design/Technical, to **allow** students to select two of three practicums (170, 171, 173) instead of requiring both 170 and 171 and to **require** that all theatre majors attain a minimum cumulative gpa of 2.0 in the major program.

**Modify** BA in Dance Performance to **add** DANT 190, Dance Forum (0), as a requirement and to **require** that all dance majors must earn a grade of C (2.0) or better in all courses in their major program.

**Modify** BA in Theatre Education, to **allow** students to select two of three practicums (170, 171,173) instead of requiring both 170 and 171 as well as to **delete** THED 250, Into to Theatre Ed (3) and THED 321, Creative Dramatics (3) and **add** THED 212, Creative Drama (3) and THED 342, Theatre for Youth (3).

**Modify** BA in Dance Education to **delete** DCED 210, Intro to Dance Ed (2) and **add** DCED 212, Creative Movement (3), and to **require** that all dance majors must earn a grade of C (2.0) or better in all courses in their major program.

After a brief discussion on the need for 0 (zero) credit classes, the modifications to the Theatre and Dance Majors were approved.

## **RILEY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

### **Department of Physical Education**

**Modify** BS in Physical Education/Athletic Training to eliminate the swimming proficiency test and class.

**Modify** BS in Physical Education/Certification to eliminate the swimming proficiency test and class.

**Modify** BS in Physical Education/Fitness-Wellness to eliminate the swimming proficiency test and class.

The modifications to the majors in Physical Education were approved.

### **Department of Curriculum and Instruction**

**Modify** BS in Family and Consumer Sciences to reflect changes in required courses and the addition of a new FACS course.

The modification to the major in Family and Consumer Sciences was approved.

## **VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS**

### **Department of Theatre and Dance**

**Modify** BA in Dance Education by creating an admissions selection process for majors.

**Modify** BA in Dance Performance by creating an admissions selection process for majors.

The creation of the admissions selection process for the BA in Dance (both concentrations) was approved.

The following item was questioned by the Council from the CUI report:

#### **Add** MGMT 575 (3) Business Ethics

Members of the Council expressed concern on the new course MGMT575 – Business Ethics since this course is significantly similar to PHIL320 – Professional Ethics. Peter Judge, Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion reported to the Council that he and Keith Robbins, Chair of Management and Marketing are discussing the concerns related to the similar course offerings and possibilities for team teaching or cross-listing the classes. Discussion continued on the implications of offering both courses, the interaction between the two departments and the interest of Management and Marketing to have a course in the major. During discussion it was moved and seconded to table the approval of MGMT575 – Business Ethics until the next Academic Council meeting to

allow the departments the summer to work out any remaining issues. The motion to table passed on a voice vote.

**The following items were approved by CUI, no action by Academic Council was required.**

## **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

### **African American Studies Program**

**Modify** AAMS 318 (3) African American Literature to add prerequisites “ENGL 211 or AAMS 300 or permission of instructor.”

### **Department of English**

**Drop** ENGL 201 (3) Major British Writers: Before 1800.

**Drop** ENGL 202 (3) Major British Writers: After 1800.

**Drop** ENGL 205 (3) World Literature Before 1700.

**Drop** ENGL 206 (3) World Literature After 1700.

**Drop** ENGL 207 (3) Major World Authors.

**Drop** ENGL 209 (3) American Literature Before 1860.

**Drop** ENGL 210 (3) American Literature After 1860.

**Drop** WRIT 102 (3) Composition.

**Modify** ENGL 312 (3) to **change prerequisites** from “WRIT 101 or CRTW 201 with a C or better, and ENGL 209 or AAMS 300 or permission of the instructor” to “ENGL 211 or AAMS 300 or permission of the instructor” (**prerequisite change**).

### **Department of Human Nutrition**

**Modify** NUTR 201 (4:3:2) to **change prerequisite** from “WRIT 102 or CRTW 201 and CTQR 150 or MATH 105 or MATH 201 or any course with MATH 201 as a prerequisite” to “HMXP 102; CTQR 150 or MATH 105 or MATH 201 or any course with MATH 201 as a prerequisite” (**prerequisite change**).

**Modify** NUTR 226 (1) Orientation to Dietetics from regular grade to S/U grade (change in grade basis).

**Modify** NUTR 327 (1) Medical Terminology to change course numbering from 327 to 227 and from regular grade to S/U grade (**renumbering and change in grade basis**).

**Modify** NUTR 371 (3) Foodservice Systems to **change prerequisites** from “NUTR 221, NUTR 321, NUTR 322; completion of general education math and technology requirements” to “NUTR 221, 231, 232 with a grade of C or higher; completion of general education mathematics and technology requirements” (**prerequisite change**—note: NUTR 321 previously renumbered to 231).

**Modify** NUTR 421 (3) Nutrition through the Life Span to **change prerequisite** from “NUTR 221 and CHEM 106, CHEM 108” to “NUTR 221 with a grade of C or higher, and CHEM 106/108” (**prerequisite change**).

**Modify** NUTR 427 (3:2:2) Principles of Clinical Nutrition from ‘3:2:2’ credit hours to ‘3’ credit hours and prerequisite from “NUTR 421, BIOL 308” to “NUTR 421\* (\*grade of C or higher), and BIOL 308” (**credit hour and prerequisite changes**).

**Modify** NUTR 471 (3) Institutional Foodservice Procurement and Production to **change prerequisites** from “NUTR 221, 321, 322, 271 and completion of general education math and technology requirements to “NUTR

221, 231, 232, 371\* (\*minimum grade of C) and completion of general education mathematics and technology requirements” and remove co-requisite NUTR 472 (**prerequisite change and removal of co-requisite**).

**Modify** NUTR 521 (3) Nutrition and Metabolism to **change prerequisites** from “BIOL 308, NUTR 421, CHEM 521 and 522” to “BIOL 308, CHEM 521, and NUTR 421\* (\*grade of C or higher)” (**prerequisite change**).

**Modify** NUTR 523 (3) Food Science Principles to **change prerequisites** from NUTR 231 and 232; CHEM 310 and 311 or equivalent; or permission of instructor” to “Grade of C or higher in NUTR 231 and 232; CHEM 310 and 311 or equivalent; or permission of instructor” (**prerequisite change**).

**Modify** NUTR 527 (3) Medical Nutrition Therapy to **change prerequisites** from “NUTR 427; CHEM 301 and 303” to “CHEM 301/303 or 310/311, and NUTR 427\* (\*grade of C or higher) (**prerequisite change**).

#### **Department of Mass Communication**

**Add** MCOM 260, Writing for Interactive Media (3).

#### **Department of Political Science**

**Modify** PLSC 532 (3) Government and Politics of Asia to change course numbering to 332 and prerequisite from “PLSC 205 or PLSC 207, or graduate status or permission of instructor” to “PLSC 205 or PLSC 207, or permission of instructor (**renumbering and prerequisite change**).

### **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics**

**Modify** FINC 512 (3) Financial Investments Management by adding ACCT 305 as an optional prerequisite.

#### **Department of Computer Science**

**Drop** CSCI 340A, B, C (1, 2, 3) Cooperative Education

**Modify** CSCI 491, Internship in Computer Science (3) to **change title** from “Cooperative Education” and to **add prerequisites**.

#### **Department of Management and Marketing**

**Add** MGMT 475 (3) Leadership Theory and Development

**Modify** MKTG 489 (3) Marketing Strategy to **change prerequisites** from “Senior standing is required and the following prerequisite courses must be completed: MKTG 381 and 3 from MKTG 382, 383, 481, 482, 582 and FINC 311” to “Senior standing is required and the following prerequisite courses must be completed: MKTG 381, MKTG482 and FINC 311.”

### **RILEY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

#### **Center for Pedagogy**

**Modify** EDUC 210E, Nature and Nurturing of Learners I Practicum (0), to **change title** to Psychology of the Learner I Practicum Elementary

**Modify** EDUC 210H, Nature and Nurturing of Learners I Honors (3) to **change title** to Psychology of the Learner I Honors

**Modify** EDUC 210M, Nature and Nurturing of Learners I Practicum (0) **to change title** to Psychology of the Learner I Practicum Middle  
**Modify** EDUC 210S, Nature and Nurturing of Learners I Practicum (0) **to change title** to Psychology of the Learner I Practicum Secondary  
**Modify** EDUC 250E, Nature & Nurturing of Learners II Practicum (0) **to change title** to Psychology of the Learner II Practicum Elementary  
**Modify** EDUC 250H, Nature and Nurturing of Learners II Honors (3) **to change title** to Psychology of the Learner II Honors  
**Modify** EDUC 250M Nature and Nurturing of Learners II Practicum (0) **to change title** to Psychology of the Learner II Practicum Middle  
**Modify** EDUC 210S, Nature and Nurturing of Learners II Practicum (0) **to change title** to Psychology of the Learner II Practicum Secondary

#### **Department of Curriculum and Instruction**

**Drop** FACS 231 (2:2:0) Children and Families.  
**Modify** FACS 401 (3) Consumer Economics and Resource Management by **changing title** to Consumer Economics  
**Add** FACS 502, Family Resource Management (3)

#### **Department of Health and Physical Education**

**Add** PHED 117 (1) Basic Archery Instructor  
**Add** PHED 243 (1) Pilates  
**Add** PHED 244 (1) Fitness through Core Stability

### **COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS**

#### **Department of Art and Design**

**Add** VCOM 120, Rapid Visualization Drawing (3:1:4)—required for INFD majors.  
**Modify** VCOM 222, Introduction to Illustration (3:6) **to change prerequisites** from ARTS 101 and 120 **to** Arts 101 and 120, or VCOM 120.  
**Modify** VCOM 262, Introduction to Web Design (3:6) **to change prerequisites** from ARTS 281 or CSCI 101 or VCOM 261 **to** CSCI 101 including lab modules or INFD 141 or VCOM 261.  
**Add** VCOM 362, Interactive Media (3:1:4) —required for INFD majors.  
**Add** VCOM 363, Multimedia Design I (3:1:4) —required for INFD majors.  
**Add** VCOM 462, Interface Design in E-media (3:1:4) —required for INFD majors.  
**Modify** VCOM 463, Sequential and Multimedia Design (3:0:6) **to change title** to Multimedia Design II (3:1:4) and change prerequisites **from** ARTT 300 or permission of area coordinator **to** VCOM 363.  
**Add** DANT 190, Dance Forum (0).

#### **Department of Theatre and Dance**

**Add** DANT 190, Dance Forum (0)  
**Add** THRT 595 (1) Special Topics in Theatre  
**Add** THRT 596 (2) Special Topics in Theatre  
**Add** THRT 597 (3) Special Topics in Theatre  
**Drop** THRT 590-599 (1-3) Special Topics in Theatre

After the report, Chair Polaski thanked Professor Coleman for two years of outstanding service as chair of the Committee on Undergraduate Instruction.

### ***B. General Education***

Chad Dresbach presented two items that required approval of the Council.

The addition of INFD141 – Introduction to Web Application Design to the list of courses meeting the Logic, Language and Semiotics requirement was approved.

The addition of SCED573 – Career Education to the list of courses meeting the Oral Communication requirement was approved.

Professor Dresbach also reported on four other items that were discussed at the last General Education meeting.

1. The General Education Committee received a report from the Writing Intensive Committee documenting the activities of that committee over the past year. That report is included on the following page.
2. It was noted that in the context of the new General Education program, the legacy committee dealing with “Intensive Writing and Oral Communication” may need to be re-titled and re-tasked to more appropriately handle its modified scope (Intensive Writing only). Concurrently, it is suggested the criteria for inclusion in the new General Education program for classes fitting the Oral Communication requirement may need to be modified to include information that is currently found on the Intensive Writing and Oral Communication form.
3. The listing and presentation of general education requirements and classes in the catalog remains inconsistent across programs and potentially confusing to advisers and students.
4. The method by which credit for General Education courses is awarded to transfer students, particularly those courses for which no articulation agreement exists and for which Winthrop does not have a comparable course, is currently under study by a group headed by Karen Jones. This group will deliver a proposal to the General Education Committee in the fall.

Chair Polaski thanked Professor Dresbach for his service as chair of the General Education Committee this year.

### **V. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

### **VI. New Business**

***A. Satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade policy and the Plus/Minus grade***

Jennifer Disney reported for the subcommittee that reviewed the Satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade policy this year. They were tasked to develop a recommendation for the grade equivalent for the S in the new plus/minus grading system.

The committee recommends and presented to the Council the recommendation that a grade of C or better be required for a grade of S. A grade of C- or lower would equate to a U. If the class is an Honors class, the equivalent of a B is required for a S, with a B- or lower equating to the U.

There was no discussion and the proposal passed without opposition.

Chair Polaski thanked the members of the S/U committee for their work throughout the year.

***B. Honors Program Self-Study***

Kathy Lyon, Director of the Honors Program was present to answer questions regarding the Honors Program Self-Study. Dr. Lyon reported that the reason the Honors Committee went through the self-study was to move the Winthrop University Honors Program up to the standards of the National Collegiate Honors Council. The Honors Committee presented the report and requested the endorsement of the Council. The motion to endorse the report passed unanimously.

Chair Polaski thanked the Honors Committee for their work.

***C. Registrar’s Report on the change to the withdrawal deadline and the grade of N.***

Registrar Druke presented the following data on the course withdrawals and N grades awarded.

Semester	N before deadline	N after deadline	F or U	Total N	% of Total grades
Fall 2005	616	679	54	1349	4.5
Spring 2006	468	562	31	1061	4
Fall 2006	1513	150		1663	5.4
Spring 2007*	1303	20		1323	4.8

\* Spring 2007 withdrawals through 4/4/07



#### ***D. Plus/Minus grade implementation***

Karen Jones, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs reported the Implementation committee met in the fall semester to identify the items needed to complete the implementation. The College Deans reported to the Registrar each department's preferences for minimum grades on course prerequisites and for the major requirements. The Registrar reported the following:

#### **The following departments have elected to require a C- grade.**

English (WRIT101, CRTW201)  
Mass Communication  
Mathematics  
Psychology  
Sociology and Anthropology  
Speech Communication  
Social Work  
Accounting, Finance and Economics  
Management and Marketing  
Computer Science and Quantitative Methods  
Health and Physical Education – Athletic Training ONLY  
Human Experience (HMXP102)

#### **The following will require a C or better:**

Biology  
Chemistry, Physics and Geology  
English (courses in the Teacher Certification track)  
History (courses in the Teacher Certification track)  
Human Nutrition (including Geography)  
Mathematics (MATH291, 292, 393 ONLY)  
Modern Languages (for progression from 101 to 102 to 201)  
Political Science  
All teacher education courses in Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, Special Education, and Middle Level Education  
All courses in the Teacher Education sequence (EDUC designator)  
Health and Physical Education – Sport Management  
Health and Physical Education – Teacher Certification  
Health and Physical Education – Fitness/wellness  
Fine Art  
Design  
Music  
Theater and Dance

#### **VII. Announcements**

Chair Polaski reminded the Council of the two remaining Calendar fora that were scheduled for Wednesday, April 10 at 1:00 pm and Thursday, April 12 at noon in Dinkins.

Registrar Drueke reminded the Council of the end of semester deadlines for grade entry. (Thursday, May 3 at 9:00 am for degree candidates and Monday, May 7 at noon for the rest of the grades.)

### **VIII. Introduction of the New Members to Academic Council**

Chair Polaski introduced Bret Becton, College of Business, Mel Horton, Riley College of Education, and Sue Spencer, Riley College of Education who all were in attendance, Julian Smith, College of Arts and Sciences who was not able to be at the meeting, Will Thacker, College of Business, who was re-elected to the Council and Carolyn Shields, Riley College of Education, who will be replacing Susan Green while she is on sabbatical as new members of the Council. Those present, took seats at the table.

### **IX. Tentative Meeting schedule for 2007-2008**

Chair Polaski presented the tentative meeting schedule for next year. This schedule may change when other meetings and events are scheduled.

### **X. Election of Academic Council Chair for 2007-2008**

Chair Polaski surrendered chairmanship of the meeting to the Secretary to conduct the election of the new chair. Registrar Drueke opened nominations for Chair of Academic Council for 2007-2008. Tom Polaski was nominated. There being no other nominations, it was moved and seconded to close nominations. The motion to close nominations passed without opposition. Since there was only one nominee, it was moved and seconded to elect Tom Polaski as chair by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously. Registrar Drueke then surrendered chairmanship of the Council back to Chair Polaski.

### **XI. Election of Two Representatives to the Faculty Governance Review Committee.**

Chair Polaski opened nominations for members willing to serve on the Faculty Governance Review committee which was established at the March Faculty Conference meeting. Beth Costner and Sue Spencer were nominated. There being no further nominations, both were elected by acclamation.

Chair Polaski once again welcomed the new members to the Council and the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy A. Drueke  
Secretary