

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
January 12, 2007

Academic Council met on Friday, January 12, 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: Keith Benson, Tim Daugherty, Dustin Evatt, Mark Herring, Karen Jones, James McKim, Tom Moore, Annie-Laurie Wheat, Margaret Williamson

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

I. Minutes

The minutes of the November 3, 2006 meeting were approved via email..

II. Chair's Remarks

Chair Polaski welcomed everyone back for the Spring semester and introduced Hannah Sane, representing the Council of Student Leaders.

III. Vice President of Academic Affairs' Remarks

Dr. Moore reported also welcomed everyone back for the Spring semester and shared the latest accolade for Winthrop. Winthrop was selected as one of 18 institutions across the United States to comprise the Leadership Consortium in Core Commitments: Educating Students for Personal and Social Responsibility.

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 Human Nutrition

Modify BS in Nutrition/Dietetics to allow students to take either 340A or 340C as their internship requirement.

The modification to the BS in Human Nutrition was approved unanimously.

Department of Mass Communication

Modify BA in Mass Communication Broadcasting track.
Modify BA in Mass communication Journalism track.

The modifications to the BA in Mass Communication (both tracks) were approved unanimously.

Department of Modern Languages

Add policy: Students may obtain credit for French, German, or Spanish 101 and/or 102 upon completion of the appropriate course (listed below) taken at Winthrop with a grade of B or higher. Credit will not be given for courses for which university credit has been awarded previously. No grade will be assigned to this credit. A grade is received only for the course taken at Winthrop. The course credits that can be earned are summarized below:

<u>Course taken at WU with an Earned Grade Of B or higher</u>	<u>Foreign language credit may be received for</u>
FREN 102	FREN 101
FREN 201	FREN 101 and 102
GERM 102	GERM 101
GERM 201	GERM 101 and 102
SPAN 102	SPAN 101
SPAN 201	SPAN 101 and 102

The addition of the policy to award credit for beginning level language courses was approved unanimously.

COLLEGES OF ARTS & SCIENCES, BUSINESS, AND VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Information Design (INFD) PROGRAM

Create INFD-Interactive Media Track (CVPA). **(new program)**
Create INFD (CBA). **(new program)**

The specific course requirements for all four tracks in the Information Design program were approved unanimously.

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Add LEAD as a new course designator

The LEAD course designator was approved unanimously.

Create Distinction in Leadership Program

The Distinction in Leadership was approved unanimously.

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

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Department of Biology

Add BIOL 202, Freshman Symposium in Biology (0). (**new course**)

Add BIOL 404, Animal-Plant Interactions (3). (**new course**)

Add BIOL 472, Undergraduate Research in Biology (3). (**new course**)

Department of Human Nutrition

Change NUTR 320, Weight Control Through Diet and Exercise (2:1) **to** new course number 208 to better reflect teaching and learning strategies. The Department of Physical Education has already changed their cross-listed course, PHED 320, to the lower number 208. (**course renumbering**)

Department of Mathematics

Add MATH 145, Statistical Methods for Communicating the Analysis of Data (3). (**new course**)

Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies

Drop PHIL 300, The History of Philosophy from Plato to the Modern Age (3). (**drop course**)

Modify PHIL 390, Philosophy of Religion (3) by cross-listing it with REL 390. (**change course**)

Department of Psychology

Change PSYC 505, Physiological Psychology: Biological Foundations (3) **to** new course number and title 335, Biological Psychology (3). (**course renumbering & title change**)

Add PSYC 420, Special Topics in Psychology (1-3). (**new course**)

Modify PSYC 520, Contemporary Issues in Psychology (3) by changing title and credit hours to Special Topics in Psychology (1-3). (**title and credit change**)

COLLEGES OF ARTS & SCIENCES, BUSINESS, AND VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Add CSCI 101F, Learning Adobe Photoshop (0.5). (**new course**)

Add CSCI 141, Introduction to Web Application Design (4:3:2). (**new course**)

Add CSCI 241, Client/Server Programming for the World Wide Web (4:3:2).

Add CSCI 242, Client/Server Data Structures and Algorithms (3). (**new course**)

Add CSCI 521, Introduction to Software Project Management (3) (**new course**)

Add INFD 141, Introduction to Web Application Design (4:3:2). (**new course**)

Add INFD 151, Information Design Seminar: Introduction to Information Design (1). (**new course**)

Add INFD 211, Communication Theory and the Internet (3). (**new course**)

Add INFD 251, Information Design Seminar: Special Topics (1). (**new course**)
Add INFD 321, Information Systems and Organizations (3). (**new course**)
Add INFD 322, Visual Design of Complex Systems (3:1:4). (**new course**)
Add INFD 415, Law and Ethics for Digital Media (3). (**new course**)
Add INFD 451, Senior Synthesis (3). (**new course**)

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Department of Accounting, Finance, & Economics

Modify ACCT 303, Accounting Information Systems (3) to change prerequisite **from** “MGMT 341 and ACCT 281 with a grade of C or better” **to** “ACCT 281 with a grade of C or better”. (**prerequisite change**)
Modify ACCT 506, Not for Profit Accounting (3) by changing title to Governmental and Not for Profit Accounting (3). (**title change**)
Modify ACCT 509, Auditing Principles and Procedures (3) to change “prerequisite from grade of C or better in ACCT 306” to “grade of C or better in ACCT 306 and Acct 303”. (**prerequisite change**)

Department of Management & Marketing

Modify HCMT 300, The Health Care Manager (3) to change prerequisite of “a C or better in HCMT 200” **to** a co-requisite of HCMT 200”. (**prerequisite change**)
Modify HCMT 302, Health Care Planning and Marketing (3) to change prerequisite of “a C or better in HCMT 200” **to** a co-requisite of HCMT 200”. (**prerequisite change**)
Modify HCMT 303, Health Care Organizations and The Legal Environment (3) to change prerequisite of “a C or better in HCMT 200” **to** a co-requisite of HCMT 200”. (**prerequisite change**)

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Add LEAD 175, Living and Learning to Lead (1). (**new course**)
Add LEAD 475, Leadership Dynamics (3). (**new course**)
Add LEAD 476, Leadership Lab (1). (**new course**)

B. General Education

Chad Dresbach reported for the General Education committee. The General Education Committee met on December 12, 2006. The following items were approved by the committee and need Academic Council approval:

1. A proposal to add the existing course GEOL 201: Geography of World Regions to the list of courses meeting the Global Experience requirement.
2. A proposal to add the new course PHIL 301: History of Philosophy – Ancient Period to the lists of courses meeting the Historical Perspective and Humanities and Arts requirements.

3. A proposal to add the new course PHIL 302: History of Philosophy – Modern Period to the lists of courses meeting the Historical Perspective and Humanities and Arts requirements.
4. A proposal to add the new course PHIL 312: Metaphysics to the list of courses meeting Humanities and Arts requirement.
5. A proposal to add the new course RELG 360: Psychology of Religion to the list of courses meeting Humanities and Arts requirement.
6. A proposal to add the new course RELG 390: Philosophy of Religion to the list of courses meeting Humanities and Arts requirement. (crosslisted as the existing course PHIL 390)

All six items were approved.

V. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VI. New Business

A. Faculty Governance Review

Tim Daugherty, Chair of Faculty Conference presented the first draft of a new set of Faculty Conference Bylaws. He asked the Council for feedback on the document and commented on several items. In introducing the packet he outlined several important items. The proposed draft would reduce the number of Faculty Conference meetings to 2 per year, other items would reviewed and approved electronically, the Academic Council would become the primary deliberative body of the faculty, and the number of standing committees would be cut in half, with some reporting to AC and others merged. One Key change is to integrate the undergraduate and graduate processes by combining both in the Academic Council and developing a new committee of the Council: The Committee on Graduate Instruction (CGI) to complement the exiting Committee on Undergraduate Instruction. Dr. Daugherty indicated this document is still very fluid and he is open to discussion and feedback. The Council then provided feedback to Dr. Daugherty including asking questions about the membership and duties of the new Academic Council and the significant work the members would undertake as many of the committees of the Council are solely populated by members of the Council. Concerns were expressed on the requirement of Tenure to be members of the Council and missing the input of non-tenured faculty. Dr. Polaski asked all members of the Council to review the document closely and to discuss it with your colleagues. Dr. Daugherty indicated an online forum will be available to post comments.

B. Plus/minus grading implementation

Karen Jones, Assistant Vice-President for Academic Affairs reported for the Ad Hoc Implementation Committee. She reminded the Council that the Plus/Minus grading system will be in place for the 2007 Fall semester. As approved by the Faculty Conference last year, all current course requirements listed as “C or better” will convert to “C- or better” in the 2007-2008 Undergraduate

Catalog. The Council clarified the process for reporting leaving “C or better” as the requirement. The department will report to the appropriate college dean, who will report to the Registrar the changes to the catalog. The Registrar will report these changes to the Academic Council. The Council will then report the changes to the Faculty Conference.

C. Elective Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory policy

Chair Polaski noted that since this item was not on the agenda, it would not be voted on at this meeting. Hannah Sane, Council of Student Leaders (CSL) representative presented a resolution from the Council of Student Leaders requesting a change in deadline for electing to take a class under the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading scheme. Dustin Evatt, Chair of CSL, reported that the students felt that 2 weeks is not enough time to determine if they should elect to utilize a S/U option. The recommendation of the students is to move the deadline to the end of the fifth week. The Council then briefly discussed the resolution and had questions about the courses where students chose the option and whether they were taking classes in their major. Chair Polaski appointed a committee to review the resolution and any appropriate data and report back to the Council at the next meeting. Jennifer Disney, Rebecca Evers, Beth Costner, Hannah Sane and Tim Drueke volunteered to be on the committee.

VIII. Announcements

Jennifer Disney announced that membership on Academic Council is a unique part of service to the University for untenured faculty.

The next meeting will be on February 16, 2007 at 2:00 pm in Tillman 308.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy A. Drueke
Secretary