

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
April 11, 2008

Academic Council met on Friday, April 11, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in 308 Tillman Hall.

Members:

Tom Polaski, Chair	Mathematics Business	Steve Frankforter*	Business Administration
Brett Becton*	Administration	Bob Gorman	Library
Siobhan Brownson	English Business	Mark Hamilton	Fine Art
Michael Cornick	Administration	Mel Horton	Health and PE
Beth Costner	Mathematics	Donna Nelson	Psychology
Litasha Dennis	English	Carolyn Shields	Education
Chad Dresbach	Design	Julian Smith	Biology
Rebecca Evers	Education	Sue Spencer	Education
		Will Thacker*	Computer Science
		Dustin Evatt*	Chair, CSL
		Timothy Drueke	Records/Registration

* Absent

Guests present: Alice Burmeister, Jack DeRochi, Matthew Fike, Cheryl Fortner-Wood, Tom Moore, Libby Patenaude, Gale Teaster.

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Chair Polaski.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the February 22, 2008 meeting were approved electronically.

II. Chair's Remarks

Chair Polaski opened by announcing this would be the last meeting of the Academic year. He also reported that there may be a preliminary report of the Faculty Governance Review Task force at the next Faculty Conference meeting. He anticipates discussions will begin in earnest in the fall.

III. Vice President of Academic Affairs' Remarks

Dr. Moore was at the Board of Trustees meeting at this point in the agenda.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

Rebecca Evers, Chair of the Committee on Undergraduate Instruction presented the report.

The following items required Council approval:

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

The following teacher education programs were proposed as a set:

Department of English

Modify Bachelor of Arts in English with teacher certification to delete the second lab science.

Department of History

Modify Bachelor of Arts in History with teacher certification to delete the second lab science.

Department of Mathematics

Modify Bachelor of Science in Mathematics with Teacher Certification to delete the second lab science.

Department of Modern Languages

Modify BA in Modern Languages/French with teacher certification to delete the second lab science.

Modify BA in Modern Languages/Spanish with teacher certification to delete the second lab science.

Department of Political Science

Modify BA in Political Science with teacher certification to delete the second lab science.

Department of Social Work

The changes to the teacher certification programs were approved.

Department of History

Modify minor in International Area Studies to change 6-9 hours in List I to 9; to change foreign language proficiency; to delete ANTH 323 from List I; to add FREN and SPAN 302 and HIST 560 to List I; and to add DANA 258, PLSC 506, and RELG 335 and 340 to List II.

The modification to the minor was approved.

Modify the minor in Peace, Justice and Conflict Resolution Studies to add PLSC 208, 312, 325, 337, CMVS 201, PLSC 551/AAMS 551, and PLSC 553/WMST 553 to the list of available courses.

The modification to the minor was approved.

Department of Human Nutrition

Modify Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition/Food Systems Management to delete NUTR 572 Dietetics Management because the course is irrelevant for students in the food systems management option.

The modification to the major was approved.

Modify Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition/Dietetics to delete CHEM 301/303.

The modification to the major was approved.

Modify Bachelor of Social Work to add BIOL 150/151 as an alternative to SCIE 301 to meet the biology requirement

The modification to the major was approved.

COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Department of Design

Modify Bachelor of Fine Arts in Arts with a concentration in Interior Design by reconfiguring the program sequence in order to better address both professional and accreditation standards, and providing a more clearly identified and logically sequential progression of degree content for students.

The modification to the major was approved.

Department of Music

Modify Bachelor of Arts in Music to drop MUST 311 (2.0) Music Theory V--20th Century from the course requirements; increase Music electives above 299 to 5.

Modify Bachelor of Music Education/Choral to drop MUST-311 from degree program and replace MUST-512 with new course MUST-411.

Modify Bachelor of Music Education/Instrumental to drop MUST-311 from degree program and replace MUST-512 with new course MUST-411. Add Bachelor of Music in Performance/Composition.

The modifications to the majors in Music were approved as a group.

Department of Theatre and Dance

Modify Bachelor of Arts in Theatre with Design/Technical emphasis to require Theatre majors earn a grade of C or better in all courses in their major program.

Modify Bachelor of Arts in Theatre with Performance emphasis to add THRA 422 Acting Styles II and to require Theatre majors earn a grade of C or better in all courses in their major program.

Modify Bachelor of Arts in Theatre with teacher certification to require majors to earn a C or better in all courses in their major program.

Modify minor in Theatre to require THRA 180.

The modifications to the majors and minor in Theatre were approved as a group.

The following items were approved by the Committee on Undergraduate Instruction and did not need Council approval. The Council had no concerns on these items.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics

Drop ACCT 551 (3) Business Law for Accountants.

Department of Management and Marketing

Drop MGMT 365 (3) Principles of Real Estate.

Drop MKTG 492 (3) Field Experience in Marketing.

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Department of Health and Physical Education

Modify PHED 338 (2) Assessment of Athletic Injuries and Illnesses to change designator, number, and title to ATRN 310 (2) Assessment of Athletic Injuries and Conditions: Lower Extremity

Modify PHED 338L (1) Assessment of Athletic Injuries and Illnesses to change designator, number, and title to 311 (2) Assessment of Athletic Injuries and Conditions: Lower Extremity Lab.

Modify PHED 339 (2) Assessment of Athletic Injuries and Illnesses to change designator, number, and title to ATRN 320 (2) Assessment of Athletic Injuries and Conditions: Upper Extremity.

Modify PHED 339L (1) Assessment of Athletic Injuries and Illnesses to change designator, number, and title to ATRN 321 Assessment of Athletic Injuries and Conditions: Upper Extremity Lab.

Add EXSC 511 (3) Physical Activity for Special and Aging Populations.

Add HLTH 406 (3) Exercise and Health Promotion.

COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Department of Design

Modify INDS 101 (3) Interior Design Fundamentals to change description and goals in order to present a more accurate representation of course content including introductory professional and program theory aspects of course.

Add INDS 111 (3:1:6) Interior Design Studio: Fundamentals.

Drop INDS 201 (3:7) Surface Design.

Add INDS 213 (3:1:6) Spatial Analysis and Theory I.

Add INDS 223 (3:1:6) Presentation Techniques I.

Drop INDS 231 (3:7) Interior Design I: Residential.

Drop INDS 232(3:7) Design Presentation and Media.

Drop INDS 234 (3:7) CAD for Interior Designers.

Add INDS 238 (3) Textiles and Materials

Drop INDS 241 (3:2:2) Housing and Home Planning.

Drop INDS 242(3) Textiles for Interior Design

Drop INDS 252(3:3:0) Lighting.

Add INDS 271 (3) Interior Design and Architectural History I
Add INDS 272 (3) Interior Design and Architectural History II
Add INDS 300 (0) Interior Design Portfolio Review
Add INDS 313 (3:1:6) Spatial Analysis and Theory II
Drop INDS 320 (2) Interior Design Project Documentation
Add INDS 323 (3:1:6) Presentation Techniques II
Add INDS 325 (3:2:5) CAD for Interior Design
Add INDS 326 (3:2:5) Introduction to Building Systems
Add INDS 329 (3:2:5) Interior Design Contract Documents
Add INDS 331 (3:3:2) Lighting Design
Add INDS 333 (3:7) Interior Design II: Residential.
Modify INDS 336 (3) Codes and Standards to revise relevant content from existing 2 credit hour INDS 336, as well as update and expand coverage of relevant material to include skills and understandings gained in INDS 326 and INDS 329.
Drop INDS 337 (3) Historic Interiors and Architecture: Pre-Class
Drop INDS 338 (3) Historic Interiors and Architecture: Neo-Class
Modify INDS 340 (3) Cooperative Education Experience to change prerequisites from “Passing of Sophomore Portfolio Review” to “Passage of INDS 300 Portfolio Review, INDS 325, INDS 353.”
Drop INDS 344 (3:0:7) Millwork Detailing.
Add INDS 353 (3:1:6) Interior Design Studio I
Add INDS 357 (4:1:6) Interior Design Studio II
Add INDS 425 (3:2:5) Advanced Computer Applications for Interior Design
Add INDS 429 (3) Professional Practices
Drop INDS 432 (3:7) Interior Design III: Commercial.
Drop INDS 433 (3:7) Interior Design IV: Commercial.
Add INDS 453 (4:1:6) Interior Design Studio III
Add INDS 455 (4:1:6) Interior Design Studio IV
Drop INDS 484 (3:0:7) Historic Preservation.
Add INDS 485 (1:0:2) Portfolio Preparation
Add INDS 487 (3) Senior Thesis Preparation
Modify INDS 488 (4:7) Senior Thesis to change prerequisites from “INDS 333, 432, 433” to “INDS 455, INDS 487, INDS 485 (pre- or co-requisite).”

Department of Fine Arts

Modify ARTE 580 (3) Current Issues in Art Education to change title to Introduction to Art Education and change focus from current issues to a general introduction to teaching art to young people at all stages of development.

Department of Theatre and Dance

Add DANA 249 (1:2) Advanced Social

B. General Education

Mike Cornick presented the following items from the General Education Committee:

Add WRIT510: Cyber Rhetoric to the lists of courses meeting the Humanities and Arts and Technology requirements.

The addition of this course to the General Education program was approved.

Add ENGL 308: World Literature after 1700 to the lists of courses meeting the Humanities and Arts and Global Experience requirements.

The addition of this course to the General Education program was approved.

C. Honors Committee

The following report was submitted to the Council by the Honors Committee:

Honors Committee Report
to
Academic Council
April 11, 2008

The Honors Committee will have met 3 times during the 2007-08 academic year (last meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m. April 11). The initiatives for the year included:

- The application process for entering freshman honors students beginning fall 2008 is now in effect. Entering freshmen, like before, who have at least a 3.5 high school GPA and 27 ACT or 1200 SAT are invited to fill out an Honors Program Application and write a one page essay.

- The committee also discussed the 2007 Honors Program Self-Study recommendations particularly those items related to early advising, priority registration and recognition for honors students and honors graduates. A proposal from the Chair of the Honors Committee was forwarded to Acting Dean Jennifer Solomon for these items.

- The Honors Committee also discussed a proposal sent from the chair to Dr. Thomas F. Moore and Dr. Jennifer Solomon incorporating Elements of a Distinctive Honors Program.

- The committee approved a proposal “Honors Housing 4th Floor Courtyard” submitted by the chair to Acting Dean Solomon to designate the 4th floor of the Courtyard for Honors Program sophomores, juniors and seniors beginning fall 2009.

- Discussion is ongoing regarding a proposal “Medallion Scholars” submitted by the chair to look at the feasibility of offering Honors Program students the option of an individualized major.

The chair also informed the committee of enrollments in courses (269 fall, 175 spring), participants in honors housing (62) and Honors Program graduates (1 fall, 18 spring). The chair also reported that she presided over the Southern Regional Honors Council Conference held in Birmingham, AL March 27-29 where 15 honors students presented their honors thesis research. At that conference Lauren Bohn, Political Science and Sociology double major, was elected to the Executive Committee of SRHC.

Respectfully,
Kathy Lyon, Ph.D.
Chair, Honors Committee

The Council accepted the report with a voice vote.

D. Cultural Events Committee

Jack DeRochi presented a set of changes to the Guidelines for Sponsors of Cultural Events for Council approval. Each change was addressed separately.

- 1) Replacing the original language under “Lectures, Panels Discussions, and Forums...”
 2. A subject of importance and / or uniqueness (e.g. new ideas).

With the following:

2. A subject of importance and / or uniqueness (e.g. new ideas). **For example, Public Service Announcements as lectures or presentations (events that serve more to inform the public about safety or health concerns, etc.) will, in general, not receive cultural event credit.**

The modification was approved by the council

The second item was to add the following statement to the final section of the Guidelines:

Students may not receive cultural event credit for events in which they are participating. In addition, students may earn no more than half of the required cultural events credits on a single trip abroad.

During discussion the Council amended the change to the following:

Students are encouraged to earn some cultural event credit through events in which they are not participating. Students may not earn more than one half of the total required cultural event credit through a single event (e.g. trip abroad, conference).

The council approved this change on a vote of 6 in favor, 5 against.

V. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VI. New Business

One item of new business was presented from the Academic Leadership Council. The ALC requested the Council approve modifying the maximum course load for Summer Session A (Maymester) from 4 hours to 6 hours. After brief discussion, the Council approved a motion to raise the maximum course load for Summer Session A to 6 hours.

VII. Announcements

VIII. Introduction of New Members of Academic Council

Chair Polaski thanked the members of the Council whose terms will expire at the end of this meeting: Siobhan Brownson, Michael Cornick, Chad Dresbach, Rebecca Evers and Carolyn Shields. He also thanked Litasha Dennis who will be on leave for the upcoming year. The Council also thanked Chair Polaski for his work as chair for the past two years.

Chair Polaski then recognized the new members present: Matthew Fike, Hemat Patwardhan, Gale Teaster and Chad Dresbach.

IX. Tentative Meeting Schedule for 2008-2009

Chair Polaski indicated the schedule had not been set.

X. Election of Academic Council Chair for 2008-2009

Chair Polaski opened nominations for chair. Beth Costner, Mathematics was nominated. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed and Dr. Costner was elected chair for 2008-2009 by acclamation.

Having finished the agenda and seeing no other announcements Chair Polaski declared the meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy A. Drueke
Secretary

Approved September 5, 2008.