

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
September 26, 2008

Academic Council met on Friday, September 26, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in 308 Tillman Hall.

Members:

Beth Greene		Chasta Parker	Chemistry
Costner	Mathematics	Hemant	Management and
Chad Dresbach	Design	Patwardhan	Marketing
Matthew Fike	English	Marilyn Smith	Management and
Steve Frankforter	Management and		Marketing
	Marketing	Julian Smith*	Biology
Susan Green	Center for Pedagogy	Sue Spencer	Center for Pedagogy
Mark Hamilton	Fine Arts	Gale Teaster	Library
Mel Horton	Health and Physical Ed	Will Thacker	Computer Science
Kelly James	Sociology and	Tatiana Sosa*	Council of Student
	Anthropology		Leaders
Mark Mitchell	Center for Pedagogy	Tim Drueke	Registrar, Secretary
Donna Nelson	Psychology		

* Absent

Guests present: Debra Boyd, Cheryl Fortner-Wood, Tom Moore, Frank Pullano, and Ginger Williams.

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Chair Costner.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the September 5, 2008 meeting were approved by email.

II. Chair's Remarks

Chair Costner indicated she would hold her remarks for New Business.

III. Vice President of Academic Affairs' Remarks

Dr. Moore also deferred remarks until New Business.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Undergraduate Instruction

Chad Dresbach, Chair of the Committee on Undergraduate Instruction, presented the items from the September 16, 2008 meeting.

The following item required Council approval.

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Department of Political Science

Modify African-American Studies minor: **Change 1:** AAMS 318/ENGL 312 - There was an error in the previous program which incorrectly listed the ENGL course as ENGL 318. The proposed change would correct the error. **Change 2:** Addition of AAMS 322/SOCL 320 - The addition of this course to the AAMS minor was approved by the CAS Curriculum Committee on August 17, 2006. The change that we are currently proposing would add this course to the list of offerings that satisfy the "Africa component" of the AAMS minor. **Change 3:** Addition of AAMS 339/HIST 338 - The addition of this course to the AAMS minor was previously approved by the CAS Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Conference. The change that we are currently proposing would add this class to the list of offerings that satisfy the "Africa component" of the AAMS minor. **Change 4:** Addition of AAMS 390. The addition of this course to the AAMS minor was approved by the CAS Curriculum Committee on August 17, 2006. (**modify program**)

Note: Changes 1 & 4 have already been incorporated into the catalog.

The Council approved the modification to the Minor in African-American Studies without dissent.

The following items did not require Council approval.

Department of Sociology

Add ANTH 324 (3), Amerindian Warfare and Ritual Violence. (**new course**)

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Add ACAD 102 (1), Relational Critical Thinking and Study Skills. (**new course**)

Several members of the Council were interested in discussing the course ACAD 102. Frank Pullano and Ginger Williams, Co-directors of the LEAP program explained the course, its use in the LEAP program and its elective status. During the discussion, the title was questioned. The Council moved and seconded to change the title to Contextual Critical Thinking and Study Skills. The Council approved the change to the course title and the course.

B. General Education

Donna Webster-Nelson presented one item from the General Education committee.

Add the course ANTH 203: *Introduction to Language and Culture* to the lists of courses meeting the Global Experience and Social Sciences requirements.

The Council approved the addition of the course to the Touchstone Program requirements.

V. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VI. New Business

Report on Budget Issues

Chair Costner reported on the meeting held with the President, Deans, and faculty regarding the current budgetary issues facing the University and the State of South Carolina. Vice President Moore added his comments regarding the meeting and the situation. Several members of the Council had questions regarding the meeting and concerns regarding the implications of budget rescissions. Council members were encouraged to email suggestions for cost saving measures (both long- and short-term) to the President for consideration per his request.

VII. Announcements

Registrar Drueke reminded the Council of upcoming deadlines: October 22, Advising begins; October 25, last day to withdraw from a fall semester course and to rescind an S/U; November 5, registration for Spring 2009 begins.

Vice-President Moore briefly discussed the changes to the class schedule for Spring 2009 with the addition of Wednesday-Friday and Monday-Friday 75-minute class periods. Dr. Moore also mentioned the Fall 2009 schedule will have similar options.

Having finished the agenda and seeing no other announcements, Chair Costner declared the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy A. Drueke
Secretary

Minutes approved electronically – November 5, 2008