

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
 April 15, 2011

Academic Council met on Friday, April 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room B, McFeat Building.

Members:

David Beatty	Visual & Performing Arts
Keith Benson*	Business Administration
John Bird	Arts & Sciences
Chad Dresbach	Visual & Performing Arts
Rebecca Evers*	Education
Sydney Evans*	CSL Student
Matthew Fike	Arts & Sciences
Mark Hamilton*	Visual & Performing Arts
Lisa Harris	Education
Kelly James	Arts & Sciences
Will Kiblinger	Arts & Sciences
Hemant Patwardhan	Business Administration
Dave Pretty, Chair	Arts & Sciences
Frank Pullano	Arts & Sciences
Carol Shields	Education
Marilyn Smith	Business Administration
Gale Teaster-Woods*	Library
Gina Jones, Secretary	Registrar

* Absent

Guests: Alice Burmeister and new council members Jo Koster, Willis Lewis, Jennifer Jordan, Darren Ritzer and Brad Tripp.

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

I. Minutes of the meeting of 25 February 2011 were approved electronically

II. Remarks from the Chair Dave Pretty

“It’s been fun.”

III. Report from the Committee on University Curriculum.....Marilyn Smith

Only three items needed AC approval:

Degree	Major	Conc.	College	Department	Action
BA	THTR	PERF	VPA	Theatre & Dance	Modify Program: Add THRA 173 (1) to required courses in the major; Reduce number of electives required in the major by 1 credit hour
BSW	SCWK		ASC	Social Work	Modify Program: Remove SOCL 316 as an option to meet the statistics requirement

BS DIFD WEBD BAD Comp Sci & QM Modify Program: Remove VCOM 363 and Add VCOM 362 to list of courses required for the major

There was no discussion and all items were approved. Chair Pretty thanked Dr. Smith for her service.

IV. Report from the General Education Committee.....John Bird

General Education Certifications

I. First Certify

A. Global

1. EDUC 315--accepted

B. Social Science

1. EDUC 315--accepted

C. Humanities and Arts

1. EDUC/HIST 312--accepted

D. Historical Perspectives

1. EDUC /HIST 312--accepted

II. Recertification

A. Logic, Language, and Semiotics

1. ARTS 281—accepted (also retroactive for students currently enrolled)

The Gen Ed Committee met April 1.

HONR 232X was accepted retroactively for Fall 2010.

Only the First Certify courses needed AC approval. There was no discussion and all courses were approved.

V. Unfinished Business

General Education Committee Proposal to Stagger Recertifications-- John Bird

Currently, Winthrop operates on a schedule of recertifying courses for General Education every five years. That schedule puts an undue strain on both departments and the General Education Committee: the work of recertifying courses all falls at the same time, meaning that the totality of the work must all be done in one year, leaving the other four years relatively empty. Our committee proposes a staggered schedule, as follows:

Year One: 100-level courses (all categories)

Year Two: 200-level courses (Writing and Critical Thinking; Quantitative Skills; Technology; Oral Communication; Logic, Language, Semiotics; Global Perspectives)

Year Three: 200-level courses (Historical Perspectives; Social Science, Humanities and Arts; Natural Science; Constitution Requirement)

Year Four: 300-level courses (all categories)

Year Five: 400-level and 500-level courses (all categories)

We recommend that this schedule begin in the academic year 2012-2013, with 100-level courses up for recertification. Even though the bulk of these courses were recertified in 2009-2010, starting over now with a staggered schedule will lighten and disperse the workload in the years to come.

There was no discussion and the motion was approved. There was no other unfinished business.

VI. New Business--none

VII. Announcements

Dr. Bird asked the group to thank Dave for his service. They did so by a round of applause.

Chair Pretty then thanked the council, secretary Gina Jones, and especially the outgoing members for their participation and efforts. He then dismissed the outgoing members in order to elect a new chair.

VIII. Election of New Chair

All members were introduced.

Chair Pretty asked for nominations.

Dr. Pullano nominated Dr. Will Kiblinger. Dr. Kiblinger accepted. There were no other nominations.

Dr. Koster made a motion that the nominations be closed. The vote was unanimous.

IX. Adjournment

The council was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Jones, Secretary