

Academic Council Meeting
April 12, 2010

Minutes:

The Academic Council meeting was called to order by Dr. Steven Emge at 3:00 PM on Monday, April 12, 2010 in the Welcome Center Conference Room.

The following voting members were present:

Dr. Steven Emge, ChairMusic
Dr. Theresa Hrnecir Accounting/Finance
Dr. Kenneth ChinnSocial Sciences
Dr. Stanley AlluisiAviation Management
Mr. George Jacox..... Aviation Flight
Dr. Charles Matthews Mathematics
Ms. Vicki Hudson Health, PE, & Recreation
Dr. Wayne Jones Occupational Safety & Health
Dr. Jerry PolsonComputer, Chemistry and Physical Sciences
Mr. Dell McLain Art, Communication, and Theatre

The following voting members were not present:

Dr. Gerrie JohnsonEducation and Instructional Leadership
Dr. Ed Mauzey Behavioral Sciences
Dr. John Mischo..... English, Humanities, & Languages
Dr. Diane Dixon..... Biological Sciences

The following ex-officio members were present:

Dr. Lucretia Scoufos

Agenda:

1. Motion by Charles Matthews, seconded by Wayne Jones to approve the meeting minutes dated December 7, 2009.
 - a. Motion Approved: unanimous
2. Minutes from the Conference Committee Meeting dated February 3, 2010 were provided for informational purposes. Steven Emge provided information and clarification for the necessity of convening said conference committee between representatives of the Graduate and Academic Councils. The committee meeting was the request of Drs. McMillan and Clark.
 - a. Concern, and subsequent discussion, focused on the discrepancies between the procedure utilized to convene the February 3rd conference committee meeting and those as stated in the University's Policies and Procedures Manual.

- i. Policies and Procedures Manual makes no provision for the Academic Council and the Graduate Council to convene a conference committee.
- ii. Further questions arose concerning the ability of a proposal to move forward, through the university committee structure, if it has been voted against by the originating committee.
- iii. It was suggested that this procedure, a motion moving through the university committee structure even though the originating committee has failed to approve its own motion, has been in place for a number of years.
- iv. Kenneth Chinn suggested that the University Faculty Senate has addressed similar procedural changes and will continue to provide updated information.

Recommendations from the Curriculum Committee:

1. Motion made by Jerry Polson, seconded by Stanley Alluisi to accept the recommendation from the Department of Occupational Safety and Health to create a new course: SFTY 4253 – Application of Occupational Safety and Health to Industrial Settings.
 - a. Wayne Jones provided detailed rationale for the creation of the course as a “guided elective” and the positive impact it will have on students who fail to secure “internships” in the Occupational Safety and Health Industry.
 - b. Motion Approved – 9; abstentions - 1
2. Motion by Vicki Hudson, seconded by Wayne Jones to approve the program modification request from the Department of Behavioral Sciences. The department is requesting that the B.A. in Sociology moving 2 courses to an “elective status” which will allow the creation of 6 hours devoted to “diversity”.
 - a. Dr. Ken Elder provided clarification for rationale and provided additional information to address concerns about course title.
 - i. Committee members sought information concerning the necessity of leaving the SGER prefix for the course SGER 3443, Introduction to Social Gerontology and the request to change course name to “Aging in Society”.
 - b. Motion Approved: unanimous
3. Motion made by Stanley Alluisi and seconded by Wayne Jones to approve the request for program modification from the Department of Behavioral Sciences. The department requests that the Native American Studies Minor change its name to Native Studies. In addition, several new course requests were made.
 - a. Several questions arose concerning the rationale for the name change request. The rationale provided in the Program Modification Form was unclear.
 - b. Several of the new courses requested indicated that they would be a component of the General Education Courses. These courses were not approved, however, by the General Education Committee.
 - c. New motion was made by Theresa Hrcir, and seconded by Jerry Polson, to table the aforementioned requests until Steven Emge contact Dr. Clark and Dr. Deana Williams for clarification.
 - d. Motion Approved: unanimous

Recommendations from the Graduate Council

1. Motion made by Kenneth Chinn, seconded by Vicki Hudson, to approve a new course request from the Department of Biological Sciences. The department requests a new graduate course in Ornithology (ZOOL 5534).
 - a. Motion Approved: unanimous
2. Motion made by Theresa Hrnccir, seconded by Vicki Hudson to approve the deletion of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) as an admission requirement for the Master of Science – Occupational Safety and Health Degree (107).
 - a. Wayne Jones provided additional explanation for the request in the light of a national trend to eliminate the exam.
 - b. Motion Approved: 6, abstentions: 4.
3. Motion made by Jerry Polson, seconded by George Jacox, to approve the deletion of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) as an admission requirement for the Master of Education – School Administration Degree (073).
 - a. Rationale provided parallels previous agenda item as listed above; Recommendations from the Graduate Council – 2a.
 - b. Motion Approved: 6, abstentions: 4.
4. Motion made by Wayne Jones, seconded by Theresa Hrnccir, to approve the deletion of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) as an admission requirement for the Master of Education – Elementary Education (072).
 - a. Vicki Hudson suggested that the degree program number 072 had been deleted as stated in the Academic Council Meeting Minutes dated 12/07/2010. It was unclear, therefore, to the council how a program revision could be considered for a degree that has been deleted.
 - b. Motion made by Jerry Polson, seconded by Wayne Jones, that agenda item #8 and #9 should be tabled for further discussion and clarification from Dr. Gerrie Johnson and Dean William Mawer during the next Academic Council meeting.
 - c. Motion to approve: 9, opposed; 1.
5. Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Submitted by Steven Emge, April 12, 2010