

Academic Council Meeting
April 28, 2010

Minutes:

The Academic Council meeting was called to order by Dr. Steven Emge at 3:05 PM on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 in the University Center room 215.

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. Jerry PolsonComputer, Chemistry and Physical Sciences
Dr. Gerrie JohnsonEducation and Instructional Leadership
Dr. Ed Mauzey Behavioral Sciences
Dr. Diane Dixon..... Biological Sciences
Ms. Riley Coker (proxy for Dell McLain) Art, Communication, and Theatre

The following voting members were not present:

Dr. John Mischo..... English, Humanities, & Languages
Dr. Wayne Jones Occupational Safety & Health
Mr. Dell McLain (see above) Art, Communication, and Theatre

The following ex-officio members were present:

Dr. Charles Weiner, Dr. William Mawer

The following guests were present:

Dr. Deana Williams, Dr. Daniel Weigel, Dr. Sheila Barnes, Dr. Reba Criswell

Agenda:

1. Motion by Stanley Alluisi, seconded by Kenneth Chinn to approve the meeting minutes dated April 12, 2010
 - a. Motion Approved: unanimous

Tabled items from April 12, 2010 meeting:

2. Motion by Charles Matthews, seconded by Theresa Hrnecir to accept the program modification request from the School of Educational and Behavioral Sciences for the B.A. in Sociology (047) – Native American Studies Minor (920). Program modifications

requested were a name change to “Native Studies” and curriculum changes to include new course requests and curricular restructuring.

- a. Dr. Deana Williams and Dr. Ed Mauzey provided a detailed explanation for the change of name rationale based on a current trend evident at other higher education institutions.
 - i. While the term “Native American” is still utilized in course, committee, and textbook titles, it is the opinion of university faculty and representatives of the area tribal councils that the new term “Native Studies” provides greater flexibility to encompass a larger population, and more accurately reflects the diversity of these cultures in higher education.
 - ii. Ed Mauzey provided additional information that course creation and structure was developed following requests from representatives of the Choctaw Nation in Durant over the past several years.
 - iii. Concerns for the lack of requests for Liberal Arts and Sciences Credits on several of the new course requests were addressed further by Dr. Williams
 1. The Department of Behavioral Sciences will investigate the possibility of seeking that credit once the program modifications are in place.
 - iv. Official Program Modification Form was incorrect concerning the question: “Will requested change affect curriculum?” Form was marked “NO” but should be marked “YES”. Steven Emge was authorized by originating committee chair, department chair, and dean to correct changes on the form.
 - v. “New Course Offerings” document provided to the council indicated that one of the electives would be: SOC 2453 (Race, Gender and Ethnic Relations). The course number OR title is incorrect. Steven Emge has requested a corrected course offerings list from Dr. Williams.
 - vi. Each new course request was discussed.
 1. NS 1213 (Chickasaw Culture and Language) has requested General Education standing but was not provided to the General Education Council. Dr. Bryon Clark suggested that the General Education Committee would have the ability to vote on this via email. Results will be forwarded to Academic Council chair and the official form signed by Dr. Clark prior to inclusion in the university course schedules
 - b. Motion approved – 9, opposed – 1, abstentions – 1.
3. Motion by George Jacox, seconded by Theresa Hrcncir to accept the program modification request from the School of Educational and Behavioral Sciences for the M.Ed. Elementary Education Degree (072).
 - a. Item was tabled (along with Agenda Item #4, see below) at the April 12, 2010 Academic Council Meeting due to concerns that the council had, at its December 7, 2009 meeting deleted the options, General Elementary Education, Reading Specialist, Special Education, and Gifted Education from the M.Ed. Elementary Education Degree (Item #3 – Academic Council Meeting Minutes, December 7, 2009). Committee was unclear how it would be possible to vote for program modification on options that had previously been deleted.

- i. Gerrie Johnson and Charles Weiner presented information surrounding the necessity to withdraw the Request for Program Modification form prior to its reception at the State Level. After more thorough review, following the Academic Council Meeting in December, Drs. McMillan, Weiner, and Mawer became aware that deletion of these options would eliminate the ability to make program modifications for the Special Education component of the Master's degree which was never intended to be deleted, only modified. The original request form was, therefore, presented to the Academic Council at the April 12th meeting.
 - b. In order to act upon the program modification request George Jacox withdrew his motion to approve the request.
 - c. A new motion was made by Diane Dixon, seconded by Jerry Polson, to resend the Academic Council's previous recommendation to delete the General Elementary Education, Reading Specialist, Special Education, and Gifted Education options within the M.Ed. Elementary Education Degree (072).
 - i. Motion approved – 10, Opposed – 1.
 - d. Motion by George Jacox, seconded by Theresa Hrcir to accept the Program Modification request from the School of Educational and Behavioral Sciences for the M.Ed. Elementary Education Degree (072). The request will delete the GRE as an admission requirement.
 - i. Motion approved – 10, opposed – 1.
- 4. Motion by Jerry Polson, seconded by Charles Matthews to accept the program modification request from the School of Educational and Behavioral Sciences for the M.Ed. Elementary Education Degree with the option in Special Education (072). Modification includes deletion of the Professional Education Component, Specialization Component, and Electives. Further modification would add a new Special Education Core and Specialization Component.
 - a. Motion approved: unanimous.

Recommendations from the Curriculum Committee:

- 5. Motion by Kenneth Chinn, seconded by Charles Matthews to accept course modifications from the School of Arts and Sciences to change prerequisites on the courses: CIS 3543 (Computer Security) and CIS 4103 (Computer Ethics)
 - a. Jerry Polson provided information concerning the delay in making these requests when the program modifications were made several years ago.
 - i. Motion approved: unanimous.
- 6. Motion by Charles Matthews, seconded by George Jacox to accept 2 new courses in the School of Arts and Sciences: CIS 3613 (Electronic Medical Records) & CIS 4613 (Health Information Systems).
 - a. Jerry Polson provided a detailed explanation regarding the mode of instruction, listing Lecture AND a hybrid format.
 - i. Motion approved: Unanimous.
- 7. Motion by Theresa Hrcir, seconded by Gerrie Johnson to approve the request to accept 2 new courses in the School of Arts and Sciences: CHTW 3003 (Intermediate Conversational Choctaw) & CHTW 4003 (Advanced conversational Choctaw).

- a. There was discussion concerning the actual group for whom these courses would be targeted. Some council members felt the number of students actually served by these courses would be small.
 - i. Council further agreed that the memo supplied by Dr. John Mischo, to the General Education Committee would be altered to suggest that these courses “COULD” be used as a general education general elective. An updated memo would be sent to the chair of the Academic Council.
8. Motion by Jerry Polson, seconded by George Jacox to accept the course modification from the John Massey School of Business to change one of the prerequisites to FIN 4813 (Finance Policy & Strategy).
 - a. Motion approved: unanimous.

Recommendations from the Graduate Council

9. Motion by Charles Matthews, seconded by Kenneth Chinn to accept the course modification from the School of Arts and Sciences to change prerequisites on the course; CIS (Computer Ethics).
 - a. Motion approved: unanimous.
10. Item #11, as listed on the agenda and at the request of Dr. Daniel Weigel, was moved to item #10. Dr. Weigel suggested the changes made in Community Council would help clarify those sought in School Counseling. Motion made by Vicki Hudson, seconded by Gerrie Johnson to accept the program modification from School of Educational and Behavioral Sciences for the Master of Behavioral Studies; Community Counseling Degree (078).
 - a. University will seek national accreditation from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Proposed changes will allow the university to seek the accreditation and a detailed description of the necessary changes were provided by Dr. Weigel.
 - i. Motion to approve: unanimous.
11. Item #10 was moved to item #11 (see above). Motion by Vicki Hudson, seconded by Jerry Polson to accept the program modification from School of Educational and Behavioral Sciences for the Master of Education; School Counseling Degree (071).
 - a. While the university is not seeking national accreditation from CACREP (see above), changes will bring the degree in to greater compliance with the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NACTE) and would provide the opportunity for the ability to seek national accreditation in the future.
 - b. Council discussed concerns surrounding the “blanket” approach to dealing with extensive course modifications. Agenda items #10 & #11 represent significant degree modifications and it is the opinion of the council that the future course modifications should have a hierarchy of order when addressed by the Academic Council. Dr. Emge made note, as stated in the minutes, and will attempt to direct future council agenda to address hierarchical concerns.
 - c. Motion to approve: unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:48 PM.

Submitted by Steven Emge, April 28, 2010.