

Academic Council Meeting Minutes April 28, 2005

Members present: Glenn Keaton – Sciences, Math & Tech., Tom Colton – Languages and Humanities, Sallie Sablan – School of Education, Lisa Lunde – Human Performance & Athletics, Lois Gage – Nursing, Sam McPhetres – Social Sciences & Fine Arts.

Members Absent: Larry Lee – Business, Geri Willis – ALO WASC

Staff and/or Faculty present: Joyce Taro

Academic Council Chair Glenn Keaton called the meeting to order at 12:34pm.

- 1) Review and adoption of April 14, 2005 minutes.

Minutes adopted without changes

- 2) Review and adoption of April 28, 2005 agenda.

Agenda adopted without changes.

- 3) Old Business

- a) WASC related issues.

The question arose as to whether Geri Willis is a voting member of the Academic Council. Another concern was raised that if she indeed is a voting member of the AC, then the SOE would have two votes within the council. Sallie expressed her concern for the need of instructors in her department and that Geri's job as the WASC ALO takes away a valuable instructor resource.

- b) Course guide N:Drive and web templates.

No issues, but will continue holding its traditional place on the agenda until we get tired of looking at it, or it gets tired of looking at us.

- c) Permanent AC recorder

Q: Are we recruiting?

A: Has not even been advertised.

- d) **NU 114**, Pharmacology course guide.

Adopted with changes.

- e) **NU 207**, Medical Surgery Nursing II course guide

Adopted with changes

- f) **NU 212**, Medical Surgery Nursing III course guide

Adopted with changes

- 4) New Business

- a) **EN 202** requirement for the Allied Health Program

EN 202 has been written in the IDP's of the AHP as an English requirement. The concept for this program and the other three new Science programs were approved by the Board of Regents this week.

b) Course guide terminus for original copies
Originally, the originals originated in the various departments and terminated determinately at some terminal central storage area, hopefully distant from any termitarium, if I may use such terminology. Presently, the prevailing notion is that these precious parcels are presumably amassed primarily in the Dean's office. A quick query will quash all this quarrelling – the AC chair will ask Nenette. In the meantime, the AC chair is of the attitude that, until the anticipated AC archivist is an active actuality, all CG's & IDP's ought to find their final resting place, at least temporarily, in some temporal locality such as within each department, hopefully distant from any termitarium, if he may use such terminology.

c) **MA 162**, College Trigonometry course guide
Not adopted due to a majorly devastatingly embarrassing error discovered in the outlines. Will require resubmission. (shame, shame SM&T dept. chair . . . hey! that's me!) :-)

d) SOE previously approved course guides
Item Tabled

e) **PE 125** Beginning Basketball course guide
Adopted with changes.

f) **PE 126** Advanced Scuba course guide
Adopted with changes.

5) Other Issues

- a) There will be summer nursing classes. (I'm not sure if this is good news or bad).
- b) It appears that PSS might be serious about having NMC train its teachers (there has been some talk going around lately – you know how folks gossip. Now a meeting is scheduled).
- c) Somebody wants to build a bridge from Saipan to Tinian, the cost of which would never pay for itself (do the math!).
- d) The sharks in the channel between S&T are well trained (thanks, Sam, for that historical note) and have voted in favor of the bridge as well as proposing several cost-cutting measures, such as macramé handrails, and an annual revenue-generating event tentatively named the “Typhoon Day Cross-Island Marathon.” The winners are anyone who makes it to the other side.
- e) Some woman allegedly attempted swimming the channel in a steel cage. Word is she never made it (thanks again Sam).

Hey! We got done early.

6) Schedule of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2005. Like it, or not.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.

“In order to foster a better informed and cohesive college community, NMC faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend.”