

Academic Council Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2005

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

Members Absent:

Staff and/or Faculty present: Mary Anne Campos, Laura K. Holmann

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

- 1) Review and adoption of April 7, 2005 minutes.
- 2) Review and adoption of April 14, 2005 agenda.
Added to the agenda, under Other Issues: a) MIA SOE CG's (or, missing School of Ed. course guides)
Agenda adopted with changes.
- 3) Old Business
 - a) WASC related issues.
Subchange deadline for the completion of several of the delinquent courses has passed. It is imperative that they are completed. Department chairs/directors must see that this is done ASAP.
 - b) Course guide N:Drive and web templates.
The AC chair visited NMC Online yesterday and discovered its ease of use. The recommendation is extended to all faculty and staff to visit the site.
 - c) Permanent AC recorder
On Wednesday afternoon, the AC chair spoke with Dean Sablan regarding this issue. The Dean made the assurance that the position may be filled soon through transferring duties. The position is being negotiated, and includes a job description.
 - d) **NU 105**, Basic Nursing Concepts and Skills course guide.
Adopted with changes.
 - e) **NU 107**, Medical Surgery Nursing I course guide
Adopted with changes
 - f) **NU 203**, Maternal and Child Health Nursing course guide
Adopted with changes
- 4) New Business
 - a) **EN 202** requirement for the Allied Health Program
Item Tabled

b) "Turnitin" subscription bought through TEC funds

Thanks to Laura K. Holmann, and a return visit from Mary Anne Campos, the Council learned about the Turnitin site, which is an anti-Plagiarism site. NMC has paid for the license (the price of which was asked for, but not revealed – but, the word “expensive” was used several times). Don’t worry; grant money was used. Now, here’s the ironic part: the license to use the site was bought about a half year ago, yet it has been basically getting dusty and rusty from non-use. It’s like that exercise machine you bought a couple of years ago (and should have been gold-plated, considering the price you paid for it) but now sits in your garage while the neighborhood cats use it as the headquarters for their nightly lodge meetings where they sit around and sing the latest cat tunes. Anyway, all faculty AND students can use this site (password protected – each user, both student and instructor will create a personalized password). And the site is not just for checking against plagiarism, but also as a learning tool that helps students learn how to properly cite sources. Also, it allows for grading, marking, and editing papers. The Council recommends that all faculty visit the site and consider implementing this resource.

c) **Associate in Science in Nursing IDP**
Adopted with changes

d) **HE 240** Health and Physical Education for Elementary teachers course guide
Adopted with changes

e) **PE 133** Beginning Scuba course guide

The council found inconsistency between the English placement level (073/074) and the reading level of the textbook (grade 12), and also questioned the age of the textbook (1992). Not approved.

f) **PE 134** Advanced Scuba course guide

The council found inconsistency between the English placement level (073/074) and the reading level of the textbook (grade 12), and also questioned the age of the textbook (1992). Not approved.

5) Other Issues

a) Missing School of Ed. course guides

Many, if not all, of the SOE course guides in hard copy form that were approved by the Academic Council during the period when Sarah Osborn was AC chair are missing. Sallie checked through the files in the AC archives room and could not locate them (looks liken we hefta call out the hounds agin. Duke! Bosco! Heel! Good boyz. ‘N ifin muh boyz cain’t find ‘em, I guess ma’ll hef to git out the weegee board an’ call up ol’ Sherlock agin.)

6) Schedule of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2005. Like it, or not.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

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