

Academic Council Meeting Minutes March 31, 2005

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

Members Absent: .

Staff and/or Faculty present: Vince Riley

Academic Council Chair Glenn Keaton called the meeting to order at 12:36pm.

- 1) Review and adoption of March 17, 2005 minutes.
Adopted with one minor change: initial corrected; from Thomas A Colton to Thomas J. Colton.
- 2) Review and adoption of March 31, 2005 agenda.
Added to the agenda, under Other Issues: a) **TS 185** course guide
Under New Business: 4e) **MA 151** course guide
Moved to first order of business: PI 101, Intro to World Religions course guide
Agenda adopted with changes.

First Order of Business: **PI 101**, Intro to World Religions course guide

Due to low enrollment, below the minimum for a class to continue, Vince Riley has been teaching this course gratis. It is understood that, regardless of the no-pay status, certain individuals might be inclined to point out that this class should not have been taught until after going through the AC approval process. The AC acknowledges this, yet were willing to consider Vince's request that the AC allow the adoption of this new course. The SOE is aware of this course and, although it is not prepared at this time to work it into the SOE IDP's, is willing to accept it as an option to LI 150 or LI 250. PI 101 centers on the main personalities, principles, and practices within religions and will be the first religion course taught at NMC. After deliberating over questions involving continuity of instruction, student demand, student religious sensitivities, application to degree requirements, and transferability, the **AC approved PI 101 pending changes.**

3) Old Business

a) WASC related issues.

1) Identifying new degree programs for WASC.

This issue has been taken care of by Geri Willis and is no longer an issue for the AC.

The Electronic Portfolios are still under the construction process. The Nursing, Business, HPE, and Languages departments received kudos from Geri for their diligent work. The SM&T dept chair had to hang his head in shame and looked to the SOE and SS depts. for company in his misery. Due to the fact that the contents of the e-portfolios are public info and that WASC may periodically browse them, Geri stressed the importance of accuracy. Maryanne Campos has set up the basic foundation, thus it is now time for faculty members to take a look. NMC will need to address the recommendations from the 2000 Self-Study report. And, the call for more departmental evidence continues. Sallie expressed her concern the we (NMC) may be focusing too much on pleasing WASC instead of focusing on what is needed for the institution and its students. She also pointed out a valid concern that all of this WASC stuff in which we are now immersed should and must have a distinct purpose, such as meeting the needs of the institution and its students. Yet, it seems as if we are spending a lot of energy and taking an inordinate amount of time away from our academic duties.

b) Course guide N:Drive and web templates.

No new discussions, but will remain on the agenda until edits and tests are completed and satisfactory.

c) Permanent AC recorder

The discussion centered on statements made at the March 22 College Council meeting regarding finding the appropriate individual and whether the AC recorder/archivist position needs to be created or taken from another position and converted. At that meeting, the SOE chair, Sallie Sablan, mentioned several names of those in her department who will be out of a job due to the closing of the College Lab School (CLS). One of these individuals, whose name this chronicler cannot recall, was mentioned at that time as possibly perfect for the AC recorder/archivist position. Sallie had to inform the AC that that individual was no longer available – essentially putting the AC back at square one (please pardon the cliché).

d) Disabilities referral form.

Emails have been sent to AC members from Robert Erickson regard disability workshops for PDD. The AC accepts this as a plan of action that quite possibly will resolve and solve this issue.

4) New Business

a) Academic Council members' duties

The BoR policy the AC chair printed from the N:Drive shows its last update was 1998. There may be a possibility that there is a more recent update, yet its location is unknown. A search will be conducted, using every available means (including bloodhounds and, if necessary, clairvoyantly calling S. Holmes from his crypt) to locate this possibly purloined policy.

b) **PI 101**, Intro to World Religions course guide

Moved to First Order of Business

c) **EN 202** requirement for the Allied Health Program

Item Tabled.

d) **CN 101**, Elementary Chinese

Item Tabled

e) **MA 151**, Introduction to Statistics course guide

Approved update, pending changes.

5) Other Issues

- a) **TS 185** course guide. The minutes of the meeting where this course guide may have been approved have not been located, yet, if ever, if even possible. Larry Lee's copy of the agenda for that meeting with writing all over, including "Approved" next to the TS 185 entry, is a strong case for signing it without formal proof of its approval. The AC chair has one week from the date of this meeting to find those minutes. Anyone know the address of S. Holmes' crypt?

Well, that's about it.

6) Schedule of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2005. See ya in the funny papers.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

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