

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

DATE: September 4, 2003
TIME: 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.
PLACE: Board of Regents Conference Room

AGENDA

1. Review and adoption of September 4, 2003 Agenda
2. Review and adoption of previous meeting minutes
 - a. May 12, 2003
3. New Business
 - a. Procedures for Proposing a New Program or Course
 - b. Natural Resources Management Course Guides
 - NRM 150 Introduction to NRM
 - NRM 153 Environmental Conservation
 - NRM 253 Species and Ecosystem Management
 - NRM 255 Conservation Politics and Economics
 - NRM 290 Special Topics in NRM
 - NRM 295 NRM Seminar
 - NRM 298 NRM Internship
 - c. Election of New Officers
4. Old Business
5. Other Issues
6. Schedule of next meeting

Meeting Minutes May 12, 2003

1. Review and adoption of May 12, 2003 Agenda
2. Review and adoption of previous meeting minutes
 - a. May 5, 2003
3. New Business
 - a. ED497 Educational Issues in the CNMI
4. Old Business
 - a. BS in Elementary Education IDP
 - b. Liberal Arts Program IDP
 - c. Credit by Examination
5. Other Issues
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Members present: Sallie Sablan, John Griffin, Lynda Rowe, Lois Gage, Danny Wyatt, Larry Oney, and Jerome Jerome. Lourdes Villazon as recorder.

NMC Faculty and Staff: Daisy Villagomez-Bier and Chris Bull.

Academic Council Chair Sallie Sablan called the meeting to order at 9:45 am.

1. Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved with the following change:

Add Credit by Examination as an item under Old Business.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the May 5, 2003 meeting were unanimously approved with minor correction.

3. New Business

a. ED 497 “Educational Issues in the CNMI”

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to recommend the Curriculum Action Request/Course Guide for **ED497 “Educational Issues in the CNMI”**.

4. Old Business

a. BS in Elementary Education IDP

Sallie Sablan, Director of the School of Education, presented changes to the BS Degree in Elementary Education IDP. A new course entitled DR120 “Drama in Education” was created to replace two courses under the Fine Arts requirement, specifically the DR101 “Introduction to Drama and Theater” and AR101 “Introduction to Art”. This change was made because there are two other Fine Arts requirements on the IDP in addition to these two courses. Furthermore, students in the Education field need more basic drama skills to enhance their teaching practices.

Lynda Rowe, Department Chair of the Social Sciences, Fine Arts, and Humanities Department, informed the council of the Instructor’s disappointment over the replacement of the AR101 “Introduction to Art” class, for the reason that the AR101 course requirements were designed to fit the needs of the Education students. With this change, Education students will no longer enroll in the AR101 class.

Danny Wyatt, Chair of the Languages, Communications, and Literature Department recommended changing the titles of “Language I” and “Language II” wording on the IDP to “Foreign Language I” and “Foreign Language II”.

Jerome Jerome, Chair of the Human Health and Athletics Department recommended adding another Health course to the IDP, such as HE150 “Personnel Health” or HE200 “Health and Wellness”. He reported that the HE240 “Health and Physical Education for Elementary Teachers” course that is currently on the IDP does not teach the content of human health and wellness issues, instead instructs students how to incorporate these issues in their teaching. From observation of the class there seem to be a lack of knowledge of the content areas, so the Chair is recommending that students take a health course initially to learn the subject matters. The SOE Director and the HPA Chair will discuss this matter further.

Sallie Sablan will make revisions to the IDP as recommended and bring revised copies to the next meeting for final review.

b. Liberal Arts Program IDP

Daisy Villagomez-Bier, Director of the Counseling Programs and Services, presented suggestions that the CPS Department would like to make to the Liberal Arts Program IDP. They feel the Elective courses on the IDP need to be expanded so that students will have more options in exploring the different fields or studies being offered at NMC. The following is a list of the recommendations:

- To include all language courses offered at NMC from introduction to advanced levels.
- Add Criminal Justice courses to fit the sociology aspects of the program:
 - CJ101 “Introduction to Criminal Justice”
 - CJ103 “Juvenile Justice”
 - CJ104 “Dynamics of Substance Abuse”
 - CJ107 “Introduction to Corrections”
 - CJ200 “Criminal Law”
 - CJ206 “Social Values and the Criminal Justice Process”
- Add AV100 “Introduction to Media Arts”

The council unanimously approved the recommendations presented. Daisy will modify the IDP to include the proposals and bring revised copies to the next meeting for final review.

c. Credit by Examination

Item tabled to the next meeting.

5. Other Issues

A recommendation was made to notify personnel concerned that the only valid Individual Degree Plans (IDP) and Individual Certificate Plans (ICP) are signed copies. Signed copies bear the signature of the Academic Council Chair and the Vice President or President with a signature block for the Advisor. If a copy is not available at the department, one may be obtained from the Academic Council Archivist.

6. Schedule of next meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2003.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 A.M.