

ACADEMIC COUNCIL
February 4, 2008
Library Room 104
4:00-5:30

Those present: Dr. Frank Novotny, Dr. Ed Crowther, Dr. Carol Guerrero-Murphy, Dr. Kurt Keiser, Dr. Anthony Laker, Dr. Bill Lipke, Dr. Michael Martin, Dr. Matt Nehring, Dr. Aida Sahud, Dr. Mary Valerio, and Dr. Susan Varhely

Absent: Professor Margaret Doell, Dr. Kim Kelso, and Dr. Brent Ybarrondo

Guests: Dr. Benita Brink and Mr. Dana Provence

Action Items:

Approval of January 28, 2008 Minutes

The minutes of the January 14 meeting were approved with the following corrections submitted by Dr. Nehring:

Under "Discussion Items"

The spelling of census was corrected and a comma placed after the word class under "Attendance Verification Policy".

Under "Data Entry Decentralization topic – Provost Mumper and Ms. Griego" provost office was corrected to Provost's office.

The word chair was changed to chairs under "Academic Council – description of function".

Under "Terminal Degrees & Tenure", the word Terminal was changed to degree in the last sentence.

Discussion Items:

+/- Grading – Dr. Benita Brink and Mr. Dana Provence

Dr. Brink representing Faculty Senate and Mr. Provence representing GECC were present for the "+/- Grading" discussion. All present received a draft of the "Questions Regarding +/- Grades" and "+/- Grades and Academic Policy" listing facts, questions, and timeline.

Dr. Novotny stated +/- Grading is effective this semester and we still have things to work out. How do we communicate with students? Dr. Brink put together the "Questions Regarding +/- Grades" and she stated there are no set standards.

The discussion that followed ended in the following results:

We do not need to solve the "D" in Gen Ed right now.

We do need to solve the "C" – "C-" and it was agreed that "C" and "C-" would be the same for now." A grade of "C-" will be accepted for all requirements that now require a grade of "C". A 2.0 grade point average is still required to graduate. "

Faculty Senate will get information out to students regarding "+/- Grading".

Faculty Senate will bring proposal forward to Academic Council for support and chairs can take proposal back to their departments.

Academic Calendar

Dr. Novotny spoke with Ms. Griego regarding the four week break between the fall and spring terms. The response he received in the form of an e-mail summarized stated that the terms for the 2008-2009

academic year had already been set but the Provost's office will work diligently on the four week break for next year.

Informational Items from Areas:

Dr. Guerrero-Murphy – Search candidates will be coming in a couple of weeks.

Dr. Varhely – Announced the CAC, “Certified Alcohol Counseling” program.

Dr. Sahud – Nursing has one search going on.

Dr. Lipke – Music has two searches going on and he announced that he would be going back to faculty. Music is also in the middle of their festivals. Jazz is over but choral and band still coming up.

Dr. Nehring – Science Fair is coming up this week and chemistry position has been filled.

Dr. Laker – HPPE has one search going on for a new position.

Dr. Martin – Search Committee has developed a short list for the sociology position. Students will be attending an undergraduate sociology conference. If you have comments on the handbook please send your comments to the Handbook Committee.

Dr. Valerio – Search Committee for Teacher Ed should have a short list tomorrow.

Dr. Novotny – Attended a two day workshop on mediation, has been sending out Senior Staff Notes, and there will be an Administrative Assistant meeting on the 7th from 9AM – 11AM.

The meeting adjourned at 5:11PM

Respectfully submitted by,

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