

**Academic Council Meeting**  
**January 12, 2009**  
**Library Room 302**  
**4:00 PM – 5:30PM**

**Those present:** Dr. Frank Novotny, Dr. Ed Crowther, Dr. Robert Demski, Professor Margaret Doell, Dr. Mark Joyce, Dr. Kurt Keiser, Dr. Anthony Laker, Dr. William Lipke, Dr. Matt Nehring, Dr. Aida Sahud, Dr. Susan Varhely, and Dr. Brent Ybarrondo

**Absent:** Dr. Carol Guerrero-Murphy and Dr. Michael Martin

**Guest:** Dr. Benita Brink

**Announcements:** Dr. Nehring is chairing the Director of Developmental Education search and he encouraged the chairs to meet with candidates while they are on campus. Dr. Wendy McNeeley will be here on Friday, January 16, 2009 and she will meet with department chairs from 10:15 – 11:00 a.m. in ES 222. Dr. Novotny added that Developmental Education is the fastest growing program on campus.

**Action Items:**

Approval of December 1, 2008 Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

**Discussion Items:**

Nursing Tenure Track

A handout titled “Nursing Department’s Request for Tenure” prepared by Dr. Sahud was handed out to those present. After review of the document and discussion the chairs agreed that they would like to see what other schools in this situation are doing. Dr. Sahud was asked to research this and bring her findings back to Academic Council.

ASC Budget

Dr. Novotny outlined the budget deficit and asked Academic Council members to schedule individual meetings with him this next week. He asked them to bring their ideas for retention, recruitment and savings.

**Next Meeting:** January 19, 2009

The meeting adjourned at 5:30PM  
Respectfully submitted by,  
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