

**ACADEMIC COUNCIL**  
**February 20, 2006**  
**Colorado Room, Nielsen Library**  
**4:00-5:30 pm**

**Present:** Dr. Michael Martin, Dr. Kim Kelso, Dr. Mary Valerio, Dr. Brent Ybarrondo, Dr. Barbara Medina, Dr. Bill Lipke, Dr. Susan Varhely, Dr. Ed Crowther, Dr. Jeff Geiser, Dr. Matt Nehring, Dr. Carol Guerrero-Murphy, Dr. Vicki Brownrigg

**Absent:** Dr. Rafe Weston and Professor Margaret Doell (excused)

The meeting was convened at 4:05 pm by Dr. Novotny.

**Announcements:**

**Financial Aid:**

At the state level, CCHE's outgoing director has put three proposals on the table that redefine where student aid goes. All three proposals have a negative impact for all of higher education in Colorado. Dr. Novotny will keep the AC posted.

**Department Chair approval of Extended Studies courses:**

This policy will be reinstated. Department chair (within the major) approval will be required of on-campus students enrolling in extended studies courses. Chairs will be permitted to decline an approval.

**AP Scores:**

The admissions office is working to fill in credit associated with AP testing. Please respond to the email sent by Dr. Novotny. Currently, all DANTE and CLEP scores have been assigned the equivalent of course credit, and most of the AP as well.

**Patsy Spier:**

Adams State College Alumna, Patsy Spier '91, will speak on her personal experience in affecting international policy and change when she visits Adams State College campus February 22. Her lecture, You Have a Voice, will begin at 7 p.m. in Carson Auditorium. (Portal announcement) A reception will be held in the Luther Bean that evening beginning at 5:30 pm followed by the talk at 7:00 pm.

**I. Action items:**

1. Approval of AC Minutes of Feb. 6, 2006.  
Motion to approve by Dr. Medina, second by Dr. Guerrero-Murphy, no discussion, unanimous vote to approve.

**II. Discussion Issues:**

1. academic assessment committee report  
Tabled until the next meeting. Briefly, the committee will use existing structure to review data (HLC3) rather than created another process.

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Dr. Novotny added a quick item to the agenda regarding the need for academic units to develop an academic master plan that would merge with the campus master and strategic plans. The CCHE calls for this component. Dr. Crowther will chair a committee to bring the process, with members also being Dr. Chilson and Dr. McCarthy. Any volunteers? The space allocation report prepared by Paulein & Associates was mentioned; Dr. Novotny will try to locate.

2. Extended Studies
  - a. General discussion to include:
    - i. direction
    - ii. processes
    - iii. procedures

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of extended studies direction, processes, and procedures. The discussion will continue to be the top agenda item over the next 2-3 weeks for Academic Council.

A proposal was made that chairs look at the draft Resolution from Academic Council Regarding Extended Studies for discussion at the next AC meeting.

### **III. Information Items:**

1. Institutional syllabi placed on the web (11/14/05 meeting).
  - If you have not already done so, please post institutional syllabi on your web site. Another option is to send Ms. Ravens the files for posting to the web.
2. Next meeting is PC Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> Library 302. Dr. Svaldi will attend the meeting.
3. Area information items?
  - Barb Friese has resigned her position in IR, effective tomorrow.
  - Dr. Mary Valerio was introduced to the council. She will begin attending meetings in preparation as chair during Dr. Medina's one year leave of absence.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl A. Ravens  
Office of the Associate Provost