

# ACADEMIC COUNCIL

## Minutes

January 4, 2024

**Present:** Vicki Bingham, Edwin Craft, James Gerald, Leslie Griffin, David Hebert, Chris Jurgenson, Kristen Land, Joi Phillips, Merideth Van Namen

**Absent:** Emily Dabney, Ellen Green, Tomeka Harbin, Josie Welsh

**Guests:** Lisa Cooley for Tomeka Harbin; John Alvarez, Interim Chair of HPER

**Call to order:** A called meeting of the Academic Council was held in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room on January 4, 2024. The meeting convened at 8:30 AM with Interim Provost Leslie Griffin presiding.

Agenda item	Comments/Discussion	Action taken	Responsible party
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve the agenda was made by Merideth Van Namen and seconded by Joi Phillips. All in favor.	<b>Approved.</b>	
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve the minutes from December 14, 2023, was made by Chris Jurgenson and seconded by Vicki Bingham. All in favor.	<b>Approved.</b>	
<b>Informational Item:</b>			
Provost's Update	Interim Provost Griffin provided the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- March 14<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for all curriculum changes to be approved by Academic Council. Interim Provost Griffin encouraged that curriculum work take place in the summer and be put through the curriculum portal channels in the fall to meet the deadlines for approval.</li><li>- Budget recommendations from the Budget Ad Hoc Committee regarding faculty lines are forthcoming and will be due quickly, so be on the lookout.</li></ul>		Leslie Griffin
Cabinet Update	Ellen Green shared updates from the most recent Cabinet meeting via email prior to the meeting.		Ellen Green
Faculty Senate Update	Chris Jurgenson provided the following Faculty Senate updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Faculty Senate has not met since the last Academic Council meeting.</li><li>- The United Faculty Senate Association of Mississippi submitted a letter to Commissioner Al Rankins to request a seat at the table for IHL meetings.</li><li>- Paid Parental Leave Policy was approved by the United Faculty Senate Association of Mississippi; the policy will be submitted to IHL for approval, which is asking for paid parental leave for 12 weeks.</li></ul>		Christopher Jurgenson
Institutional Effectiveness and Planning Update	Josie Welsh was absent but will provide an update at next week's Academic Council meeting. Interim Provost Griffin did state that there is a good concept		Josie Welsh

	for the QEP, and it will be going before Cabinet for a second reading next week.		
<b>Opportunities for Continuous Improvement:</b>			
<b>Action Items:</b>			
OLD BUSINESS: COBA Curriculum Items	<p><b>Curriculum Action Request – Suspension of BBA-HCA.</b> Motion to approve the request suspend the BBA-HCA program, which was on the IHL Productivity Review List, was made by Lisa Cooley and seconded by James Gerald. <b>8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <p><b>Course Action Requests – Commercial Aviation Courses.</b> Motion to bundle the multiple CAV Course Action requests was made by James Gerald and seconded by Chris Jurgenson. All in favor. Motion to approve the course action requests to teach the CAV courses online was made by Lisa Cooley and seconded by James Gerald. <b>8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <p><b>Curriculum &amp; Course Action Requests – MPAC.</b> Motion to bundle the curriculum and course action requests for the MPAC program was made by James Gerald and seconded by Vicki Bingham. All in favor. Motion to approve the curriculum action requests to update the approved electives list for the MPAC program, requested to replace ACC 693 with ACC 694 as a course requirement, and requested to delete ACC 693 Commercial Law from the catalog, was made by Lisa Cooley and seconded James Gerald. <b>8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <p><b>Curriculum &amp; Course Action Request – BSE in HPER.</b> Motion to bundle the two HPER curriculum/course action requests was made by Merideth Van Namen and seconded by Vicki Bingham. All in favor. Motion to approve the request to replace course requirements as well as add PER 488 Senior Seminar in HPER Education was made by Merideth Van Namen and seconded by Kristen Land. <b>7-approved, 1-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <p><b>Course Action Request – ELR 804 Statistics for Education Research.</b> Motion to approve adding ELR 702 as a pre- and co-requisite to ELR 804 was made by Merideth Van Namen and seconded by Kristen Land. <b>8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <p><b>Course Action Request – ELR 890 Dissertation.</b> Motion to approve adding a</p>		Lisa Cooley & Merideth Van Namen

course description for ELR 890 was made by Merideth Van Namen and seconded by Chris Jurgenson. **8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.**

**Course Action Request – Deletion of CRD 090/091 Developmental Reading.** Motion to delete CRD 090/091 was made by Merideth Van Namen and seconded by James Gerald. **8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.**

**Course Action Request – Deletion of TELR courses.** Motion to delete TELR courses from the catalog that are no longer needed in any programs or partnerships was made by Merideth Van Namen and seconded by Chris Jurgenson. **8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.**

**Curriculum Action Request – Ed.S. in Higher Education.** Motion to revise the admission and course requirements for the Ed.S. in Higher Education was made by Merideth Van Namen and seconded by Kristen Land. **8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.**

**Course Action Requests – CUR 739 Seminar in Higher Education & SUP 732 Practicum in Higher Education.** Motion to bundle the two course action requests to add two new courses was made by Merideth Van Namen and seconded by Joi Phillips. All in favor. Motion to add the new courses of CUR 739 and SUP 732 was made by Merideth Van Namen and seconded by Chris Jurgenson. **8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.**

**Curriculum Action Request – Ed.S. in Educational Administration & Supervision.** Motion to revise the admission requirements for the Ed.S. in Educational Administration & Supervision was made by Merideth Van Namen and seconded by James Gerald. **8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.**

**Curriculum Action Request – Ed.S. in Counseling.** Motion to revise the admission requirements to provide clarity and to specify electives for the Ed.S. in Counseling was made by Merideth Van Namen and seconded by Kristen Land. **8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.**

**Curriculum Action Request – M.Ed. in Educational Administration & Supervision.** Motion to revise the admission requirements for the M.Ed. in

	<p>Educational Administration and Supervision was made by Merideth Van Namen and seconded by Kristen Land. <b>8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <p><b>Curriculum Action Request – SPED Minor.</b> Motion to correct a course listing in the catalog for the SPED minor was made by Merideth Van Namen and seconded by Kristen Land. <b>8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <p><b>Curriculum Action Request – MAT – Secondary Track.</b> Motion to correct a prefix for a required course of the MAT Secondary Track was made by Merideth Van Namen and seconded by James Gerald. <b>8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p>		
<p>NEW BUSINESS: Faculty Senate’s Proposal re: Collegiality</p>	<p>Chris Jurgenson presented the proposed Faculty Senate Collegiality statement for a first reading:</p> <p>“Collegiality is to be defined as the sharing of responsibility among colleagues while avoiding patterns of behavior that are of such a disruptive nature as to hinder members of academic units from fulfilling their core duties of teaching, scholarship, and service, or that hinder academic units from their academic mission. For a behavior to be deemed noncollegial, it must be ongoing and a pattern. The onus of proof is on evaluators if they deem a faculty member noncollegial. Collegiality will not threaten academic freedom, assume participation in social gatherings outside a faculty member’s normal scope of responsibilities, or necessarily be in conflict with criticism and opposition against anyone within the institution.</p> <p>A faculty member accused of noncollegiality shall be informed of the conduct that has been perceived as noncollegial. Further, it shall be the responsibility of the accuser and/or evaluator to provide specific examples that validate non-collegial conduct, and the faculty member shall be given the opportunity to address the behavior.”</p> <p>Discussion ensued, which included using less harsh wording (accused/accuser). The question was also raised about how a faculty member could prove they have not been non-collegial; suggestions included listing examples of collegiality and using the opportunity to speak positively about one’s accomplishments. This item will come before Academic Council for a second reading at the next Academic Council meeting.</p>		<p>Chris Jurgenson</p>

<b>Discussion:</b>	
Distance Education Meeting	It was requested to schedule a meeting with the Distance Education Chair, Anna Macedonia, to meet with Interim Provost Griffin, Josephine Welsh, and David Hebert.
General Education Committee & Course Numbering	David Hebert presented a question from the General Education Committee about course numbering. The first digit of a course number indicates classification level, but the question was raised if the additional digits represented rigor or were simply for labeling purposes. Interim Provost Griffin asked David Hebert to send an email memo clarifying the numbering system, reminding all to not read the catalog thinking that the digits of a course number imply its rigor.
<b>Announcements:</b>	
<b>Adjourned:</b>	9:50 AM
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	Thursday, January 11, 2024, @ 8:30 AM.