

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

January 23, 2020

Present: Charles McAdams, Vicki Bingham, Dave Breaux, Edwin Craft, Emily Dabney, Leslie Griffin, Beverly Moon, Billy Moore, Christy Riddle, Jeff Slagell

Absent: Cetin Oguz

Guests: Mike Smith, Interim Chair of Languages & Literature; Don Allan Mitchell, Associate Professor of English

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Academic Council was held in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room on January 23, 2020. The meeting convened at 8:31 AM with Provost McAdams presiding.

Announcements:

Agenda item	Comments/Discussion	Action taken	Responsible party
Approval of Minutes:	January 9, 2020	Approved.	
Informational Item:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provost McAdams encouraged going paperless when possible. Instead of printing paperwork for meetings, try using a device instead. Creativity and frugality are helpful during the times of cash challenges. The Provost also mentioned that Foundation accounts are still available for use. • Canvas is available for faculty to use as an option to enhance face-to-face courses and is an excellent resource for instructional sustainability. • Spring 2020 enrollment is slightly under from spring 2019, but only by 14 students (excluding Dual Enrollment). However, graduate enrollment is up by 32 students. 		
Action Items:			
Language and Literature Curriculum Items	<p><i>Course Action Requests:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Delete Courses – ENG 103, 105, 204, 302, 306, 308, 436; SPA 302</i> - An evaluation of the current degree program and curriculum led to the decision to delete these courses; these courses are either being merged or replaced. - General Education Committee must review deletion of ENG 103 and 302. <p>Motion to approve deletion of courses except ENG 103 and 302 was made and seconded. 9-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Delete Courses – ENG 300, 301, 334, 404, 406, 414, 416, 426, 444, 447, 450, 451, 452, 453, 460, 470; SPA 401, 402, 430, 431, 446, 451; COM 102, 306, 318, 319; THE 221, 225, 226, 309, 310, 311, 320, 331, 339, 350, 410; PHI 405, 406, 410, 411, 412, 442, 443, 470</i> - An evaluation of the current course catalog against the courses regularly 		Mike Smith

	<p>offered in the division led to the decision for deletion.</p> <p>Motion to approve deletion of courses was made and seconded. 9-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Delete Courses – ENG 500, 504, 506, 510, 511, 514, 515, 516, 526, 532, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 560, 561, 570, 575, 581, 592, 593, 595, 599, 603, 604, 605, 606, 642, 651, 655, 657; PHI 505, 506, 510, 511, 512, 533, 541, 542, 543, 570, 575, 592, 601, 605, 608, 610, 689; THE 601, 602, 690</i> - <i>An internal review of the curriculum and catalog led to the decision for deletion since these courses are no longer offered.</i> <p>Motion to approve deletion of courses was made and seconded. 9-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>New Course – ENG 104 English Composition I Lab</i> - <i>This lab course would be graded as CR/NC to better support students who struggle with the content and avoid GPA impact.</i> <p>Motion to approve adding ENG 104 was made and seconded. 9-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</p>		
Student Load	<p>Provost McAdams brought forth a draft of a revised version of the “Student Load” policy from the undergraduate catalog since the current version is outdated from current practice. An “all-in-favor” vote was accepted for the wording to be updated to read:</p> <p>“STUDENT LOAD. Sixteen academic hours is considered the normal load each semester. Students with a GPA of 2.5 for their previous semester of residence may be allowed to take eighteen hours of academic work if they secure approval of their advisor and department chair. Students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher for their latest semester of residence may be allowed to take more than 18 academic hours if they obtain permission from the chair of the department in which they are majoring and the appropriate college or school dean. The maximum number of hours a student may enroll in the fall or spring semester is XX.”</p> <p>Provost McAdams will bring the edited version back to Academic Council for a vote.</p>	Tabled.	Provost McAdams
Hours for Students on Probation	<p>A draft of a revised version of the “Academic Probation” policy from the undergraduate catalog was presented by Provost McAdams. The policy in the catalog is also outdated, and an “all-in-favor” vote was accepted for the wording to be updated to read:</p>	Tabled.	Provost McAdams

	<p>“ACADEMIC PROBATION. Academic probation serves as a notice that academic suspension from the University will follow unless the quality of academic work improves. Students are placed on academic probation when the institutional GPA or the cumulative GPA is less than 1.8 for freshmen, 1.9 for sophomores, 2.0 for juniors and seniors.</p> <p>The probationary status is removed when a student achieves the institutional GPA and the cumulative GPA indicative of ‘Good Academic Standing’ (see above).</p> <p>It is strongly recommended that students on academic probation enroll for no more than 15 semester hours. The student will be expected to use the resources of the University for assistance in returning to good academic standing.”</p> <p>Provost McAdams will bring the edited version of the policy back to Academic Council for a vote.</p>		
Discussion:			
Adjourned:	10:33 AM		
Next Meeting:	<p>Thursday, February 13, 2020 @ 8:30 AM</p> <p>A special Academic Council meeting to continue the Language and Literature Curriculum items is scheduled for Thursday, January 30th at 8:30 AM in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room.</p>		