

# ACADEMIC COUNCIL

## Minutes

**March 12, 2020**

**Present:** Charles McAdams, Vicki Bingham, Edwin Craft, Emily Dabney, Leslie Griffin, Beverly Moon, Billy Moore, Cetin Oguz, Christy Riddle,

**Absent:** Dave Breaux, Jeff Slagell

**Guests:** James Gerald, Director of the Honors Program; Ellen Green, Chair of Math & Sciences; Gina Jenkins, Chair of Speech & Hearing Sciences; Mike Smith, Interim Chair of Languages and Literature; Richard Tremmel, Interim Director of Delta Music Institute; Chuck Westmoreland, Chair of Social Sciences & History

**Call to order:** A meeting of the Academic Council was held via Zoom on March 12, 2020. The meeting convened at 8:35 AM with Provost McAdams presiding.

**Announcements:**

Agenda item	Comments/Discussion	Action taken	Responsible party
Approval of Minutes:			
<b>Informational Item:</b>	IHL is planning a press release within the coming days for actions to take regarding COVID-19. All eight Mississippi universities will be extending spring break into next week which will allow faculty time to place their course information online. Faculty are expected to report to campus next week. Beginning March 23 <sup>rd</sup> , classes will be offered online. Provost McAdams encouraged planning for operational continuity should faculty/staff be required to work from home. OIT is working with Dr. Gray Kane to create robust training plans for next week to help faculty move online. Deans should talk with department chairs this week about upcoming plans.		
<b>Action Items:</b>			
Curriculum/Course Action Requests	<p><i>Curriculum/Course Action Requests:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Course Action; Revision; DMI 305/306</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve revising DMI 305/306 was made and seconded. 8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Curriculum Action; Revision; Bachelor of Applied Science in Geospatial Analysis and Intelligence</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Withdrawn. Ellen Green and Talbot Brooks to discuss this revision further with Emily Dabney.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Curriculum Action; Revision; Honors Program</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve the revision to the Honors Program was made and seconded. 8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Course Action; New; ENG 201 Honors Composition and Literature</i></li> </ul>		

<p><b>Discussion:</b></p>	<p><b>Motion to approve the addition of ENG 201 was made and seconded. 8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Course Action; New; ENG 202 Introduction to Creative Writing</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve the addition of ENG 202 was made and seconded. 8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Course Action; New; ENG 205 Introduction to Literature for Humanities Majors</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve addition of ENG 205 was made and seconded. 8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Course Action; Revision; ENG 453 to ENG 463</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve revision/renumbering of ENG 453 to ENG 463 was made and seconded. 8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Course Action; New; COM 250 Workplace Communication</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve addition of COM 250 made and seconded. 8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Curriculum Action; Revision to Bachelor of Arts in English</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve revisions (edits to hours may be editorially adjusted) to the Bachelor of Arts in English was made and seconded. 8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Curriculum Action; Revision to BSE Secondary English Education</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve revision to BSE Secondary English Education was made and seconded. 8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Course Action; Revision; MAT 254 Calculus IV and MAT 490 Senior Seminar in Mathematics</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve revisions to MAT 254 and 490 was made and seconded. 8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Curriculum Action; Revision; Revision to areas of the graduate catalog (GIS)</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve revisions to graduate catalog (GIS) was made and seconded. 8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Curriculum Action; Revision; Social Justice and Criminology</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve revision to Social Justice and Criminology was made and accepted. 8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Curriculum Action; Revision; Speech and Hearing Sciences</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve revisions to Speech and Hearing Sciences was made and accepted. 8-approved, 0-nay, 0-abstention. Motion carried.</b></p>		
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<b>Adjourned:</b>	9:46 AM		
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	Thursday, March 27, 2020 @ 8:30 AM		