

# Academic Affairs Committee Minutes

November 20, 2013

(Approved December 4, 2013)

- 1. Roll Call (3:05 pm) Members Present:** Craig Conley, Patricia Cruz, Cristina Duran, Todd Christensen for Andre Garcia-Nuthmann, Margot Geagon, Warren Lail, Seonsook Park, Jesus Rivas, Carmen Vidal-Lieberman, Ruthy Watson, Donna Woodford-Gormley, Cheryl Zebrowski  
**Also in Attendance:** Michael Raine, Linda LaGrange  
**Absent:** Kerry Loewen

## 2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved (Rivas/Lail)

## 3. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of November 4<sup>th</sup> were approved (Vidal-Lieberman/Conley)

## 4. Communication from the Administration

The Interview phase is in process for the Provost/VPAA.

## 5. Communication from the Chair

After all presentations, we will discuss and vote on all proposals.

## 6. Communication from the Registrar

Programs are on the website. Please review and let Michael know of any changes.

## 7. Communication from the Faculty Senate

No one present.

## 8. Communication from Subcommittees

- Undergrad appeals: None to report.
- Graduate appeals: None to report.
- Ballen Endowment: Deadline is next week. There is interest in a fall scholar and since we have money for two, there will be a spring deadline for fall scholars.

## 9. Program revisions to Education – Computer Proficiency and Math

- Motion made to eliminate the specificity of a course title for the university's core curriculum and extended core courses as required by the State of New Mexico Public Education Department. (Watson/Rivas) Motion carried unanimously.
  - The Education Department is currently having to do a lot of course substitutions for transfer students

- b. The education department is proposing to eliminate CS101 as a requirement as education majors are required to take GNED 444, "Computer Applications in Education".
  - i. Test-out option of CS101 costs \$150.
  - ii. Suggestion made that if a student passes GNED444, they would be exempt from CS101. Notation should also be made under CS101.
  - iii. How does GNED 444 compare to the proficiencies in CS101? Perhaps a revised syllabus should be submitted.
  - iv. See also discussion from Computer Science department below.
  - v. Motion made to table the decision on this question until we get further information. (Warren/Vidal-Lieberman). Motion carried unanimously.
    - 1. Information from Dr. Rivera
    - 2. More detailed syllabus from the Education Department

#### **10. Computer Science – Opposing view on Computer Proficiency**

- a. There should be a revision of CS101. Perhaps there should be a subcommittee to make recommended changes.

#### **11. Program Revision – Counseling**

- a. The Counseling program is looking at dual accreditation for CORE and CACREP.
- b. Motion made to accept the proposed changes to the counseling program. (Vidal-Lieberman/Geagon) Motion carried with 1 abstention.

#### **12. Program Revision – Social Work**

- a. Motion made to increase the hours from 52 to 53 for the Bachelor's in Social Work. (Warren/Vidal-Lieberman) Motion carried unanimously.

#### **13. Course Revision – ENGR 298**

- a. Motion made to change the course format to a pure lecture course and change the prerequisites to Chem. 211, Math 211, and Physics 291. (Geagon/Rivas) Motion carried unanimously.

#### **14. Program Revision – Honors**

- a. Motion made to change the course descriptions of HONR 151, 251, 351 and 451 to reflect that one faculty member teaches each class. (Watson/Vidal-Liebarman)
- b. Motion made to change HONR 100 to HONR 300. (Rivas/Warren) Motion carried unanimously.

#### **15. Course Revision – PSY 320**

- a. Motion made to accept the change of the course title of PSY 320 from "Research in Memory and Cognition" to "Techniques in Memory and Cognition". (Rivas/Warren). Motion carried unanimously.

#### **16. Program Review schedule and procedures**

- a. Several people thought Michael's outline was good. Please review so that we can discuss at next meeting.

**17. Late Arrivals**

**18.** Meeting adjourned at 4:53