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Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee
Minutes
Thursday, October 20th, 2011
Founders Hall, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Present: Bill Wozniak (Faculty Senate rep); Danielle Neal (NSS); Kim Elliot (Academic Affairs); Debbie Bridges (Faculty Assistant); Kim Schipporeit (Registrar); Jan Lear (CBT); Sylvia Asay (CBT); Miechelle McKelvey (COE); George Lawson (FAH); Janice Fronczak; Kasey Dietz (Student Senate)

Guests: Charlie Bicak (SVCAA); Aaron Dimock (Faculty Senate)

Called to order at 3:35 p.m.

1. President of Faculty Senate, Aaron Dimock, read the charge of the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee.
2. Chair of Faculty Senate, Aaron Dimock, called for the election of a chair of the Academic Affairs Committee. The chair must be a faculty senator. Bill Wozniak was nominated by George Lawson and Janet Lear seconded his motion. The committee unanimously voted to approve Bill Wozniak as the chair of the Academic Affairs Committee.
3. Bill Wozniak called for an election of a secretary for the Academic Affairs committee. Danielle Neal was nominated by Bill Wozniak and Janice Fronczak seconded. The committee unanimously voted to approve Danielle Neal as secretary.
4. President Dimock explained that there was business from last year which needed to be addressed that has been discussed at Faculty Senate. This was the establishment of an ad hoc committee to examine the powers invested in academic affairs. Academic Affairs' (AA) explicit job is to ensure that there is no course duplication across campus. AA is being explicitly directed to judge credit hours in a program by Faculty Senate. The importance of this directive was emphasized in light of the impending 120 cr-hr cap on four year programs; AA will hear cases where some programs will need to go over this limit. At the Board of Regents level, there will be an exemption process implemented whereby the University can make a case for certain programs to exceed this limit.
5. Senior Vice Chancellor Bicak explained that the AA committee would be hearing many proposals this year regarding the 120 credit hour reduction stipulated by the Board of Regents. Any overage of the 120 hours may be considered by the committee with ultimately a recommendation to the SVCAA. If it is an issue of accreditation and it has been validated by AA then it should be referred on to the SVCAA. If the AA Committee feels there was not a diligent examination of a program at the Educational Policy Committee or Dean and Department level, the program may be returned for additional review/justification. The General Studies Council will also provide AA committee with guidance as necessary, however, cutting the GS program is not an option for the 120 credit hour reduction. Any exemptions to the 120 hour reduction will go through the SVCAA. We currently have 124 undergraduate programs at UNK, and 39 of those programs are over our current limit of 125 credit hours; 33 of these programs are in the College of Education. Our programs must meet the 120 credit hour limit by the start of the Fall of 2012.

6. Agenda Items #01-#12: All Items

No problems or concerns with any of the agenda items.

Lawson/Lear moved approval of all.

Motion to approve passed.

Fronczak/Lear moved to adjourn. Motion approved to adjourn at 4:45pm.

Next subcommittee meeting will be on Wednesday, November 9th, 2011 at 3:30pm. The next full meeting will be on Thursday, November 17th, 2011 at 3:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Neal, Secretary

Approved via e-mail 10-26-2011 (Woz)

2011-2012 ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Academic Affairs Subcommittee 10/12/2011

Academic Affairs Full Committee 10/20/2011

NUMBER, REQUEST, LEVEL, SPECIFIC REQUEST, DEGREE/COURSE, PROGRAM/COURSE, TITLE, DEPT, COL, REASON

#01, Alter, Course, Number (Course Prefix), VOED 431, Coordinating Techniques, ECON, B&T, The name for the program has been changed to Business, Marketing, and Information Technology at the NE Department of Education. Therefore, the VOED should be changed to more accurately match the NE Department of Education acronym. New Number: BSED 431.

#02, Alter, Course, Prerequisite and Course Description, ART 335A, Printmaking II, ART, FAH, Since we changed the ART 235 course to a split emphasis in either ART 235A or ART 235B, this change also needs to be reflected in the prerequisites for Printmaking II. Currently the prerequisite is listed as ART 235, but needs to be changed to ART 235A or ART 235B.

#03, Discontinue, Program, Minor, Broadcasting, COMM, FAH, The mass communication curriculum is being updated and modified to adopt a model of media convergence. The sequence is being discontinued.

#04, Alter, Course, Prerequisite, CSIS 330, Algorithms and Data Structures, CSIS, NSS, We are changing the order of our sophomore year courses. The new prereqs reflect the true content required to take this course. Changing from prerequisite of [ENG 102 with prerequisite or co-requisite of CSIS 301] to prerequisite of [ENG 102, Math 115, CSIS 180].

#05, Alter, Course, Prerequisite and Course Description, CSIS 380, System Analysis and Design, CSIS, NSS, We are removing the junior standing requirement. The course prerequisite will remain. Note, this

course is co-listed with MIS 381 and taught by Dr. Agrawal, a MIS faculty member. Changing from prerequisite of [CSIS 150, junior standing] to prerequisite of [CSIS 150].

#06, Alter, Course, Prerequisite, CSIS 441, Artificial Intelligence, CSIS, NSS, We are changing the order of our sophomore/junior classes. Changing from a prerequisite of [CSIS 150, junior standing] to a prerequisite of [CSIS 150].

#07, Alter, Course, Prerequisite, CSIS 450, E-commerce Information Systems, CSIS, NSS, We will likely need to offer this course every other year, and want to make it available to our sophomore students. Changing from prerequisite of [CSIS 350 or MIS 302 or CSIS 434; junior or above standing] to prerequisite of [CSIS 130 or MIS 302 or CSIS 434; sophomore or above standing].

#08, Alter, Course, Title and Course Description, PSCI 212, The American Bureaucracy, PSCI, NSS, "Bureaucracy" tends to turn people off, so changing the title from American Bureaucracy to Politics of the Federal Executive Branch may increase student interest. New Title: Politics of the Federal Executive Branch.

#09, Create, Course, PSCI 332, Environmental Politics & Policy, PSCI, NSS, This course has been taught multiple times as a special topic. The Biology Department wishes to have it listed as a regular course and taught on a standard rotation so that it can be an elective option for wildlife biology majors.

#10, Create, Course, PSCI 347, Comparative Political Behavior, PSCI, NSS, This course has been taught multiple times as a special topic. We plan to offer it on a standard rotation.

#11, Create, Course, PSCI 371, Religion & Politics, PSCI, NSS, Research and teaching expertise of new faculty member.

#12, Alter, Course, Title and Course Description, PSCI 376, Post-Modern Political Thought, PSCI, NSS, The new title is consistent with trend in the discipline to teach contemporary political thought that may or may not be "post-modern" in the sense of directly criticizing modernism (e.g., Derrida or Foucault). New Title: 20th & 21st Century Political Thought.