

**Minutes
Academic Council
February 2, 2016**

Present: Barnes, Barrios, Bratberg, Daly, Gathman, Hinkle, Humphrey, Jenkins, Johnson, McAllister, McDougall, McGowan, Ortiz, Roeder, Rogers-Adkinson, Suhr, and Weller-Stilson

Guests: Jeremy Ball and James Champine

A. MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Jenkins; seconded by McGowan, the minutes of December 1, 2015, were unanimously approved.

B. ACTION ITEMS:

1. BS in Criminal Justice – Deletion of Options

2. MS in Criminal Justice – Deletion of Options

Jenkins moved approval of the deletion of options in both the BS and MS in Criminal Justice; seconded by Bratberg. Ball explained that in the MS program, the Community Policing option was approved a few years ago but never came to fruition. Only one of the five new proposed courses were created, and there are currently no students in the option. Due to deleting the Community Policing option, there is no need to have one other option, the Criminal Justice Administration option, so they propose to delete both, but keep the curriculum from the Criminal Justice Administration option as electives. Ball also explained that the curriculum for the BS program was very rigid and they department does not have the faculty to cover the number of courses that should be offered. In meeting with their Advisory Group, potential employers noted that they are not looking for graduates who only take Law Enforcement courses, but need a well-rounded employee. Therefore, the curriculum has been revised to eliminate the three options – Corrections, Criminology, and Law Enforcement – and instead have two advising tracks: Academic/University, and Law Enforcement Academy (keeping this track allows those students who participate in the Law Enforcement Academy to continue to use the 24 credit hours toward their degree). McGowan suggested that MA155, Statistical Reasoning, could be used as the statistics course in the program, and also counts toward University Studies credit. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Biology Curriculum Revisions

a. Biology Education

McGowan/Gathman moved approval of the revisions to the Biology Education program; seconded by Rogers-Adkinson. Rogers-Adkinson explained that the revisions align with DESE standards. McGowan added that the changes include those that Biology made to their undergraduate sequence. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Biology Education (Unified Science)

Gathman moved approval of the revisions to the Biology Education (Unified Science) program; seconded by Roeder. Rogers-Adkinson explained that the reasons for revisions are the same. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Bachelor of Science in Unmanned Aircraft Systems – New Program

Jenkins moved approval of a new Bachelor of Science in Unmanned Aircraft Systems program; seconded by Barrios/Suhr. McGowan explained that this program was initially proposed in Summer 2015. The program will be housed in Engineering Technology. The program is not to design drones, but to manipulate them. There is a lot of interest in this type of program. There will be five new courses, that will be created by a new faculty member once hired. McDougall added that there has been a position proposed for this program, and there is a need for expertise in the area. Gathman questioned the format of

the new courses in the proposal; McGowan clarified that the format is not in approved CAD/syllabus format, and that the student outcomes listed in the proposal are directly from ABET. The program would have a Fall 2017 start date, with new courses starting in Spring 2018. Daly added that a Discreet Math course could be useful for programming. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Information Items:

1. Academic Fresh Start Policy

Hinkle explained that the Academic Fresh Start Policy has not changed, but based on a recent experience with an affected student, she had been asked to add a note to the bottom of the policy explaining that there could be an impact on financial aid.

2. CL001-CL004 Course Title Change to “Career Launch”

McAllister explained that there has been a move to redefine Career Linkages to Career Launch. The title change for CL001-CL004 was put on 30 Day Review and no feedback was received, so the change has been made.

3. BME Curriculum Update – MM208

Rogers-Adkinson explained that in the revisions to all Teacher Ed Prep programs, MM208 was mistakenly left off the curriculum for the BME, but has been added.

4. Proposal to Rename the Department of Theatre and Dance to The Conservatory of Theatre and Dance

McDougall explained that there is a Minor Academic Restructuring proposal to rename the Department of Theatre and Dance to The Conservatory of Theatre and Dance. The proposal is posted for 30 days for comment. Some comments have been received. After the 30 days, if there is any disagreement with the proposal, it will come forward to Academic Council for action; if not, it will come forward as information only.

McDougall announced that this would be his last meeting as Interim Provost, and thanked the Council for the work done up to this point.

The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.