

Minutes
University College Council
January 12, 2009 – 9:00 a.m.
Strickland Conference Room (Rm. 224) I.G. Greer Hall

(Approved)

The University College met on Monday, January 12, 2009 in the Strickland Conference Room, I.G. Greer Hall. Members present were: Dave Haney, Mike Mayfield, Carter Hammett-McGarry, Todd Mortensen, Joy Clawson, Maria Provost, Martha McCaughey, Alexandra Sterling-Hellenbrand, Georgia Rhoades, Pete Wachs, Tom Hansell, Alan Utter, Jay Wentworth, Chuck Smith, Susan Morgan, Lynn Moss Sanders, Shari Galardi, Patricia Beaver, Emory Maiden, Elizabeth Carroll, David Huntley, and Leslie Jones. Absent were: Edwin Arnold, and Howie Neufeld. Also present was Sharon Jenson, Assistant Director of Career Development.

1. Minutes

Minutes from the December and January Council meetings will be voted on at the February 2009 meeting.

2. Announcements

Dr. Haney updated the Council on the medical condition of Dr. Edwin Arnold. Everyone offered their support for Dr. Arnold. Dr. Haney expressed his appreciation to Dr. Beaver and Sandy Ballard for their comment to cover Dr. Arnold's work during his absence.

3. Curriculum Proposals

Dr. Hellenbrand reported that proposals AS 1 and AS 2 (Appalachian Studies) had been approved by the General Education Council and the Curriculum Committee. These proposals are existing courses.

*With no further discussion, the Council voted unanimously to approve AS 1 and AS 2 proposals. – **Vote 1***

Proposals WS 1 and WS 2, Dr. Alexandra explained both proposals were for Women's Studies, both Historical and Social Perspectives.

*With no further discussion, the Council voted unanimously to approve WS 1 and WS 2 proposals. – **Vote 2***

Proposal GLY/AS – 2008-7 are cross listed with the Geology Department and Appalachian Studies Program. The Arts and Sciences Council has recommended approval of this course. Dr. Hellenbrand stated this would be a new course for both departments and was on the AP&P agenda for their next meeting.

*With no further discussion, the Council voted unanimously to approve GLY/AS – 2008-7 proposal. **Vote 3***

4. Updates

A. General Education

Ms. Hammett-McGarry reported the General Education Council will review and vote on the Writing Proposals this month and the Capstone proposals at the end of the month.

After some discussion of the approval process of existing course approvals, Dr. Beaver proposed a recommendation.

Dr. Beaver made a motion that existing courses seeking General Education credit do not need the approval of the University College Council. Dr. Jones seconded the motion. All members of the Council were in favor of the motion. – Vote 4

B. CurricUNET

Dr. Haney explained the new CurricUNET program. This program will take Curriculum proposals from the writing stage all the way to the catalog. It stores the proposal in a data base for continued use. This program will also help make sure there are no incorrect check sheets by taking the information from the data base and creating the check sheet automatically. CurricUNET will launch a pilot program in February or March, 2009.

C. Space

Dr. Haney reported on space issues in DD Dougherty. With Military Science moving out of DD Dougherty in the fall, this would free up space for University College to use. He has asked Ms. Clawson and Dr. Provost to assess the space issues concerning their programs and how they could utilize the space most efficiently. He also reported the possibility of the Heltzer Honors Program moving into DD Dougherty. With all the changes in space at the University, DD Dougherty is not the only building University College has the possibility of using.

D. Participation in Commencement/Convocation/Orientation

University College had its first commencement with twelve graduates. Dr. Haney thanked everyone that was present and helped with the ceremony. All degree programs now have their own department flags for all the events around campus. Dr. Haney reported a discussion had been taking place to make changes in Convocation. Student Research and Summer Reading would like classes cancelled for that day and make it more of an academic day focusing on the Summer Reading book and Student Research events.

Regarding Orientation, Dr. Haney stressed the importance of General Education and University College's role in this summer's Orientation. Dr. Provost will be meeting with Tracey Wright regarding Advising and others becoming more involved with Phase 2 Orientation.

E. Other

Dr. Provost announced that Clinton Marsh had joined their team as Assistant Director of Orientation.

5. Update/Discussion on University College Faculty Governance Issues

Dr. Haney stated there were several decisions that had to be made regarding this issue: creating a DPC, particularly for non-tenured faculty, doing our own credentialing, and representation on Faculty Senate and AP&P. He explained the AP&P member is appointed by Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate member is voted by the University College faculty and should represent all programs in University College. Dr. Haney asked the entire Council to consider what kind of person would be appropriate. It would be very important for this individual to hear what all faculty and non-faculty needs and concerns were.

Ms. Hammett-McGarry commented it was also very important for this person to have taken some time to look at all programs work and visions, but also the vision of University College. Dr. Haney added this person would

have to have faculty voting rights and work full time for University College. Dr. McCaughey suggested that this person would need to have reviewed the Faculty Hand Book and be willing to do the work.

Dr. Haney also suggested University College have representation on Staff Council.

Regarding Council of Chairs, Dr. Haney has been in contact with Mark Ginn, chair of that committee. He has asked that University College programs have appropriate representation on the committee. Appalachian Studies has representation, but all programs need to be represented. Dr. Beaver added that Appalachian Studies has a seat because they are a degree granting program.

6. Other

Dr. Haney announced starting next month, each program will give a 5 minute update on their department.

7. Adjourn

With no further business, the Council adjourned at 10:15 a.m.