

**Minutes**  
**November 3, 2008**  
**University College Council**  
**(Approved)**

Dr. Haney called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the Oct. 6, 2008 meeting were approved (vote 1).

Dr. Haney presented the curriculum proposals, some of which are General Education and others that go to AP&P. Most Colleges are considering taking their Gen Ed proposals through the College.

Those that will require going on to AP&P are as follows (these are motions on the table from a committee):

1. **Policy Statement about University College Academic Advising.** Ms. Waugh spoke to this motion suggesting this new advising procedure, which mandates that students see UC advisors at 60 credit hours (i.e., junior status), will be better for students so that students get a plan for working toward graduation and their senior check. Others agreed that degree-seeking students are protected and students can decrease their time to graduation and therefore decrease unnecessary extra costs to students. The penalty for not following this protocol is a registration hold. UC advisors look at Gen Ed and Core Curriculum requirements and encourage them to take these throughout their college careers, and at this check will look to advise students on which requirements remain to be satisfied. **The motion passed (vote 2).**
2. **Minor in Medical Humanities (MMH).** Dr. Jones spoke to this motion suggesting that this new minor enables pre-health and pre-med students to learn more about these courses, whether or not they complete the 15-hour minor. A key (required) course being Medical Ethics. Others include courses such as Chinese medicine, AIDS, and Philosophy of Science. This is the first minor hosted by Honors. The students must have a 3.3 GPA or above to get into (but not to remain in) the Minor, but a student need not be an Honors student to declare this Minor. Some questions were raised about the GPA requirement given the various students who might want to get this Minor. Dr. Jones clarified that this Minor is intended not for all students but for the intellectual elite—those who are Honors students or those who have done very well while at ASU.

Dr. McCaughey moved for an amendment to the main motion, to include WS 3300 course (“Gender & Technology”) in the list of courses to satisfy this Minor. Dr. Wentworth seconded the motion. **The motion passed (vote 3).**

Dr. Wentworth moved for an amendment that a 3.0 GPA be the requirement to declare this Minor, not a 3.3 GPA. Dr. Utter seconded the motion. **The motion does not carry (vote 4).**

**The main motion passed with a vote of 11 to 6 (vote 5).**

3. **Watauga Global Community Proposals 1-13.** This motion would delete the old IDS courses and establish new ones. Dr. Huntley spoke to this motion. WGC offers selected topics, but all of those topics in a general category give credit toward meeting various parts of the General Education curriculum goals. This is flexibility with more focus and control than the old Watauga College courses had in the past.

Note: WGC 3202 and WGC 3205 the course descriptions will remove references to satisfying a particular Gen Ed requirement.

**WCG proposals 1-13 were approved as a package unanimously (vote 6).**

**4. Memo of Understanding among General Education, WGC, and Honors proposal.**

Note: Remove #4 from the Memo of Understanding.

**The motion passed (vote 7).**

**5. Add GLS 2000 for Local to Global theme of General Education.**

**The motion passed (vote 8).**

**6. Add SD 2000 for the Sustainability and Global Change theme of General Education.**

The motion passed (vote 9).

**BUDGET**

Dr. Haney discussed the Academic Affairs budget. There is a 1 million dollar budget and they are looking at giving 4% of this back and planning for a 6% cut. This means cutting back on the supplemental budget requests. Some large commitments will be honored, but some minor ones will have to be cut this year. There are some supplemental instruction funds and lapsed salary funds that we can dip into. The good news is that some kinds of money have not been touched: Education and Technology (E&T) money, which supports Student Research Office and the Writing Center. Note that E&T money can be used to bring speakers in for students/classes. Outfitting classrooms with technology are now being taken from another budget (in Technical Support Services), not E&T budgets. Summer school money is also not affected by these budget cuts. So if you want to offer summer school programs, Dr. Haney has some money for that. The deadline is Nov. 19 for courses.

**RITUALS**

On December 21<sup>st</sup> our graduation will be with Arts & Sciences. We'll have at least 8 graduates with a Sustainable Development major, and at least 4 graduates from the Appalachian Studies M.A. program. Dr. Haney will be present. He is working on getting Program banners. The relevant program directors will need to be present. UC should have input into the speaker for the spring graduation with Arts & Sciences.

**COMMUNICATIONS in U.C.**

Linda Coutant, Chair of University Communications Committee, said they will meet this week about a College logo. Ms. Coutant said that if you have events that need to be covered let either Ms. Coutant or Ezell Williams know. Copy Ms. Williams either way. Dr. Haney said that the committee needs to determine who will be involved with lecture/speaker series planned by various academic units and the summer reading program.

**GENERAL EDUCATION**

Dr. Mayfield reported that the Faculty Coordinating Committees are evaluating the proposals for courses in themes/perspectives until Nov. 28. Unanticipated issues emerged about gateway and anchor courses and faculty will discuss this to determine how best to ensure integration of Gen Ed courses. The First-Year Seminar proposals are due this week. They are due in the office by noon on Wed, Nov. 5. Nov. 19 is the deadline for capstone courses. Gen Ed Council meets next on Dec. 4.

Dr. Haney reported that there is a web portal, created by Todd Mortensen, for members of the general public about what they can get at/from ASU. The url is [www.community.appstate.edu](http://www.community.appstate.edu). Mr. Mortensen asked us to send him feedback so his group can incorporate our suggestions.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed (vote 10).

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha McCaughey (with edits by Dave Haney)