

Minutes
University College Council
April 6, 2009 – 9:00 a.m.
Strickland Conference Room (Rm. 224) I.G. Greer Hall

Approved 10/5/09

The University College met on Monday, April 6, 2009 in the Strickland Conference Room, I.G. Greer Hall. Members present were: Dave Haney, Mike Mayfield, Todd Mortensen, Joy Clawson, Alexandra Sterling-Hellenbrand, Georgia Rhoades, Pete Wachs, Alan Utter, Jay Wentworth, Emory Maiden, Elizabeth Carroll, David Huntley, Howie Neufeld, Beth Davison, Leslie Jones, Carter Hammett McGarry, Chuck Smith, Susan Morgan, and Lynne Waugh. Also present was Sharon Jenson, Assistant Director of Career Development, Ezell Williams, University College, and David Taylor, University Advancement. Absent were: Lynn Moss-Sanders, Shari Galiardi, Pat Beaver, and Martha McCaughey.

1. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Hellenbrand moved to approve the February 2009 minutes, seconded by Dr. Jones.

All were in favor of the motion. Vote 1

2. Announcements

Ms. Long announced the upcoming University College and General Education sessions that were being held to educate other departments on the functions of University College and the new curriculum.

Dr. Haney discussed the recent memo from the Chancellor on budget cutbacks for the remainder of the fiscal year. He asked the council to be prepared for budget cuts in their 2009-2010 budgets.

Dr. Haney reminded everyone that annual reports should be submitted to him by April 15th. The new Annual Report form has been posted on the AsULearn University College Council site. Tied in with that is the evaluations he will be doing during April and May with everyone that reports directly to him. Dr. Haney announced that members of the College would have a change to evaluate him and University College. This process would be done online and would be confidential.

Dr. Haney received several emails on external funding resources which have been added to the AsULearn site.

3. Introduction of David Taylor, Development Officer

Dr. Haney introduced Mr. Taylor to the Council. Mr. Taylor reports to Susan Pettyjohn, Vice Chancellor of Advancement. He will be working with University College and College

of Arts and Sciences.

Mr. Taylor explained he was very eager to work with all the different programs and departments. He will begin setting up meetings with departments to discuss External Funding needs. He will also be meeting with alumni and others, and will assess what their needs are and how they could possibly tie into University College.

4. “C” Transfer Policy

Dr. Haney explained the proposed new policy on minimum grade for transfer credits in the Enrollment Services section of the Undergraduate Bulletin. This policy has been endorsed by the Enrollment Council, including advising and registrar’s office. If approved, the policy would become effective fall 2010.

Dr. Utter made a motion to approve the “C” Transfer policy. Dr. Beaver seconded the motion. The Council discussed the pros and cons of the policy and how it would affect students. Mr. Smith pointed out that this would improve standards for those students who go from university to university and are able to clear away their GPA and start over, but receive course credit nonetheless.

Dr. Haney stated the policy would go to AP&P at the end of the month for a vote.

With no further discussion, the Council voted unanimously to approve the motion. – Vote 2

5. Curriculum Proposals from Global Studies Program

Dr. Hellenbrand reported that the Global Studies Program submitted three curriculum proposals which have been approved by the University College Curriculum Committee. Global Studies proposal 08-03 is a change in course description for GLS 4510, proposal 08-04 adds three hours to the major and proposal GLS 08-05 added a departmental Honors program to its offerings.

With no discussion, the Council voted unanimously to approve GLS 08-03, GLS 08-04, and GLS 08-05. - Vote 3

Dr. Hellenbrand explained that she brought the new Language Contract for Global Studies before the council for information purposes only; it doesn’t require a formal vote. The new contract between Global Studies and Foreign Languages allows students to adjust the language requirement for GLS majors when the student wishes to study in areas whose languages are not taught at Appalachian.

6. UC Program Highlights

Dr. Beaver commented on the Darwin Lecture Series and how great it was for Appalachian. Ms. Williams said she was present during the talk by the president of SEWSA and what a success the entire SEWSA conference was. She thanked Dr. McCaughey for her hard work and organization of the SEWSA conference. Dr. Neufeld stated the Darwin Lecture Series came to a close last week and that attendance for all the speakers had been good.

7. Family Day Update

Dr. Haney informed the Council of the upcoming Family Weekend scheduled for September 25-27th. In the past, Family Day was in conjunction with Spring Open House. Ms. Williams explained a new part of Family Weekend will be the Academic Expo. A formal call for proposals would be going out soon along with other information on music groups, poster sessions, visuals, mini classes, etc. Families will be leaning more towards the freshman prospective. Honors will be hosting their annual picnic on that Sunday. With a home football game, parking will be an issue for all events, but Ms. Williams advised that free shuttles will be available.

8. Assessment Update

Dr. Haney reported a new assessment committee would be developed to work on General Education assessment and since this would be at a University level, it would be separate from the University College Assessment committees work.

9. UC Governance Update

Dr. Haney submitted names from the University College faculty to Faculty Senate for a seat on the AP&P committee. Dr. Jones and Dr. Hellenbrand were nominated for AP&P. University College would have a seat on the Faculty Senate, and the Senate recommended that a college-wide Equal Opportunity Associate be elected to monitor the election of a senator. Dr. Wentworth agreed to have his name on the ballot for the EOA. University College has also received approval from the provost to elect a University College DPC. Dr. Haney reported the Council of Chairs had voted against allowing individual program representation from University College on the CoC.

10. May Commencement

Ms. Williams reported the May commencement would be held on Sunday, May 10 at 9:00 a.m. in the Holmes Convocation Center. University College will need six students and one faculty member to carry in the University College flag. A commencement celebration is scheduled for April 30th for graduates and for those UC students who have won an award. Ms. Williams has received feedback from faculty and students on the December commencement. They would like to see all University College programs/departments represented and more faculty members there to support their students. Dr. Haney stated since University College would be sharing graduation with Arts and Sciences, it was imperative that University College faculty be present at graduation.

11. University College Communications – Logo

The Council was given four different University College logo samples to choose from. All agreed on the same logo except for Mr. Smith.

12. Other Announcements

Dr. Beaver announced on April 30th Appalachian Studies would be sponsoring a concert in IG Greer to celebrate the completion of the NEH challenge grant. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$10 with the proceeds going back into the grant.

Dr. Mayfield announced on April 16th, Dr. Henry Perry will be speaking on Global Health issues.

Dr. Haney announced there would not be a Council meeting in May. He also stated Ms. Tina Mullinax had resigned as the Administrative Assistant in the Interdisciplinary Studies Program.

13. Adjourn

With no further business, the Council adjourned at 10:30 a.m.