Academic Council Minutes
February 15, 2012

The Academic Council met Wednesday, February 15, 2012, in the Clark Student Center Kiowa Room. Voting members in attendance were:

Dr. Matthew Capps, Dean, West College of Education
Dr. Rodney Cate, Interim Dean, College of Science and Mathematics
Dr. Ron Fischli, Dean, Lamar D. Fain College of Fine Arts
Dr. James Johnston, substitute for Dr. Patti Hamilton, Interim Dean, College of Health Sciences and Human Services
Dr. Jane Owen, Interim Dean, Graduate School
Dr. Kathleen Roberts, Faculty Senate Vice President
Dr. Barb Nemecek, Dean, Dillard College of Business Administration
Dr. Sam Watson, Dean, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Ms. Holly Allsup, Student Government Association Vice-President

Other attendees:
Ms. Darla Inglish, Registrar
Dr. Clara Latham, University Librarian
Ms. Barb Merkle, Director of Admissions
Mr. Matthew Park, Staff Senate Representative
Dr. Michael Vandehey, Chair, Honors Program Chair

Dr. Alisa White, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, presided and the meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes
Dr. White called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2012 Academic Council meeting. Dr. Owen made a motion that the minutes be adopted; Dr. Cate seconded and the motion was adopted. (closed)

Old Business

New Business
1. Dr. Capps made a motion to adopt the following undergraduate course change in Special Education; Dr. Watson seconded and the motion was adopted (closed).

Change of course description and lecture/lab hours, effective Spring 2012
SPED 3613. Exceptional Individuals
Description: A study of the etiology of and concepts relating to exceptional individuals. Field experience included.
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2. Dr. Cate made a motion to adopt the following undergraduate course change in Chemistry; Dr. Nemecek seconded and the motion was adopted (closed).

Change of course title and change of course description, effective Fall 2012
CHEM 3705. Physical Chemistry
Physical Chemistry II
Description: Atomic and molecular structure, experimental physical methods, spectroscopy, theory of reaction rates, and physical chemistry laboratory practice

Adjournment
There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Schulte, Assistant to the Provost

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Note: the following items were sent to the Academic Council for an electronic vote on February 29, 2012. All items were approved for adoption by the voting members of the Council. (closed)

College of health Sciences and Human Services
Social Work

Change of course number, course description, and course title, effective Fall 2012

SOWK 3313  Social Work Statistics
SOWK 4123  Data Analysis
Prerequisites: Math 1003 or equivalent

Description: Introduction to descriptive and inferential statistics. Topics include data distributions, descriptive statistics, sampling distributions, interval estimation, one- and two-sample significant difference tests, one-way analysis of variance, correlation, and regression. The focus of this course is to provide an interdisciplinary analysis course specifically for health sciences and human services majors using techniques and data structures relevant to clinical investigations. General topics include choosing correct procedures and using statistics to understand clinical data. Specific topics include but are not limited: Basic statistics, measures of correlation and difference, hypothesis testing and bias, confidence intervals, reliability and validity, significance, power analysis, levels of evidence, sample size and distribution, assessing effects of treatment, quality improvement, relative risk and relative risk reduction, and odds ratio.
Lecture 3(3-0)

Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences
International Studies

Addition of History courses to the International Studies major degree requirement:

History, 6 hours chosen from the following: 6 hours

HIST 3103, 3123, 3153, 3503, 3513, 3833, 3843, 4023, 4173, 4183, 4213, 4253, 4263, 4373, 4433, 4523, 4543, 4643, 4663, 4673

HIST 3153. Modern Britain and British Empire 3(3-0)
Prerequisites: HIST 1233 and 1433 or consent of the chair.
A survey of British history and the history of the British Empire, from the creation of Great Britain with the Act of Union in 1710 to decolonization after World War II. Areas of focus include the Industrial Revolution, the development of parliamentary democracy, the world wars of the twentieth century, and the differing trajectories of empire both by century and region.

HIST 4373. Modern Germany 3(3-0)
Prerequisites: Six hours of history or consent of the chair.
This course details the development of Germany from a region of multiple independent states during the Reformation to a strong and united World Power by the end of the nineteenth century. Highlights include The Thirty Years’ War, Frederick the Great, Otto von Bismarck, and the roots of modern German nationalism.