

Northern Marianas College

Final Approved Copy of the Minutes of the Academic Council Meeting

Memorandum: For your information, attached is a copy of the final approved minutes of the Academic Council meeting of October 01, 1999.

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Meeting
on 01 October 1999

DATE: Friday, 01 October 1999
TIME: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: V-108 Classroom

AGENDA

1. Review and adoption of 10/01/99 agenda
2. Review and adoption minutes of 9/3/99
3. Curriculum Action Requests: Vince Riley
 - a. MA 162
 - b. NS 100
 - c. LI 250
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Items for next Agenda
7. Adjournment

Attachments:

1. None

MINUTES

Academic Council Chair Dr. Jack Angello called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm in the V-108 Drafting Classroom. Members present were Dr. Jack Angello (representing Professional and Vocational Education), Chas Algaier (representing the School of Education), Ed Zehr (representing Instruction), Jim Holan (representing Instruction) and Debbie Raumakita (representing Instruction). Vince Riley was present as recorder. Sam Gugliotta from the SMH&PE Department was present for the presentation on the MA 162 Course Guide. Kurt Barnes from the SMH&PE Department was present for the presentation on the NS 100 Course Guide.

1. Review and adoption of agenda for today's meeting:

ACTION #1: It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the Agenda, with one modification—a discussion of proficiency level/placement level was moved to New Business

2. Review and adoption of minutes of September 3rd, 1999 meeting:

ACTION #2: It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the Minutes.

3. Curriculum Action Requests (Course Guides):

Sam Gugliotta and Kurt Barnes from the SMH&PE Department presented the course guide for MA 162, and responded to questions.

ACTION #3: It was moved seconded, and unanimously determined to approve the Curriculum Action Request for MA 162, “College Trigonometry,” with minor modifications and one major modification—the number of “Lecture” Contact Hours per week (4) and per semester (60), and the elimination of any “Lab” hours.

Kurt Barnes from the SMH&PE Department presented the course guide for NS 100, and responded to questions.

ACTION #4: It was moved seconded, and unanimously determined to approve the Curriculum Action Request for NS 100, “Introduction to Earth Science,” with minor modifications.

Ed Zehr from the SSFA&H Department presented the course guide for LI 250, and responded to questions.

ACTION #5: It was moved seconded, and unanimously determined to approve the Curriculum Action Request for LI 250, “Literature of the Pacific,” with minor modifications.

6. Old Business:

Ed Zehr reported to Council members that the revised ID 110 course, “Introduction to College Life,” is undergoing review.

There was also more discussion about the action #7 from last week's meeting, to change the graduation requirement to include a “C” grade in all core courses. This would take effect only for new students who are admitted to NMC. Students who are ongoing would still be evaluated by the regulation in force when they entered.

There was also discussion of the “UW” grade. The Chair read a letter from the Dean of Student Affairs, Mr. George Pangelinan, relative to the “UW” grade.

There was some discussion about Placement or Proficiency Levels. Vince Riley informed the Council that “PL=Proficiency Level” will be replaced by “PL=Placement Level,” commencing with next semester’s class schedule (Spring 2000).

ACTION #7: It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved that the Chair survey the College community with regard to the proposed change in the graduation requirement, to include a grade of “C” or better in all core courses, and to ascertain the interpretation of the “UW” grade followed by instructors.

7. New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

8. Items for next Agenda:

Course guides ready for Council approval at the next meeting include those for Technical Trades courses. However, action will also be needed on the A.A.S. degree in Natural Resources Management, offered through CREES.

Adjournment: 2:15 pm