

Final Academic Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 28, 2006
TIME: 1:00 to 2:00 pm
PLACE: BOR Conference Room

AGENDA

- 1) Review and Adoption of September 21, 2006 Meeting Minutes
- 2) Review and Adoption of September 28, 2006 Agenda
- 3) Old Business
 - a) Course guide reviews:
 - i) NU 107
 - ii) NU 207
 - iii) NU 212
 - iv) ED 406
 - v) Proposed IPD and course descriptions for the AA in Rehabilitation and Human Services
- 4) New Business
 - a) Discussion on graduation requirement under MA 132
 - b) Certificate of Completion/Achievement in Basic Law Enforcement.
- 5) Other Issues
 - a) Advising and Registration
- 6) Schedule of next meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006, at 1:00 pm in the BOR Conference Room

“In order to foster a better informed and cohesive college community, NMC faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend.”

Members present: Glenn Keaton – AC Chairperson, Sciences, Math, Health & Athletics; Felicitas Abraham – Rehabilitation & Human Services; Susan Satur – Counseling Programs & Services; Larry Lee –AC Acting Chairperson, Business; Lynne Curtis – Nursing; Michael Nurmi – Languages & Humanities; Sam McPhetres – Social Sciences & Fine Arts; Betty Ann P. Cabrera – Recorder

Members absent: Doris Aldan-Atalig – Office of Admissions & Records; Jeanette Villagomez – ALO; Michael Reber - School of Education; ASNMC’s representative;

Others present: Lynda Rowe, SS&FA

The Academic Council Chair Glenn Keaton called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.

- 1) Review and Adoption of September 21, 2006 Meeting Minutes
The AC **moved, seconded and unanimously approved the September 21, 2006 Meeting Minutes with change. and Nurmi recommended we look at the signed agreement between instructor and ILT to see exactly what we agreed to. Need to verify with Maryanne Campo.**

- 2) Change to the agenda, Under Other Issues, Larry Lee requested adding the item: Advising and Registration
The AC **moved, seconded and unanimously approved the September 28, 2006 Agenda with change.**

3) Old Business

- a) Course guide reviews:
- i) NU 107- **Tabled**
 - ii) NU 207 - **Tabled**
 - iii) NU 212 - **Tabled**
 - iv) ED 406- **Tabled**
 - v) Proposed IDP and course descriptions for the AA in Rehabilitation and Human Services. **Per AC** – motion was made to rescind last week’s AC approval of the proposed Rehabilitation and Human Services (RHS) IDP and request that the necessary course guides be completed before resubmission of the RHS IDP to the AC. Per the AC’s Guide to Preparing Course Guide, the course guides must be completed and approved by the AC before the IDP can be approved.
It was **moved, seconded and unanimously approved to rescind the RHS IDP.**

4) New Business

- c) Discussion on graduation requirement under MA 132
Per Glenn - this topic is has been a re-occurring issue in the AC for the past 3 years.

Per Sue – it is generally understood that courses numbered above 100 are considered college-level. MA 132 Intermediate Algebra is a 3-digit course, therefore should be considered a college-level course, yet it is not being accepted as a transferable course by some colleges. Concern with possible false advertisement if we don’t change it or fix it. Can we change the course description? The School of Education’s IDP lists MA 132 as their only math requirement. Are we graduating our SOE students to become teachers who don’t have college level math? There seems to be two different standards. Some of our AA degrees have a higher math requirement over our bachelors degree. Every student that now passes thru the Counseling office are being advised that MA 132 does not transfer. If MA 132 doesn’t transfer then they may have to take a higher math such as: MA 161 or MA 162.

Per Glenn – MA 162 is College Trigonometry, which requires MA 161 College Algebra as its pre-requisite. The numbering of MA 132 is a problem due to the content of the course. Changing the course description would not make it a college-level class without changing the course content, yet if the course content is changed it would no longer be Intermediate Algebra. MA 132 Intermediate Algebra is a prep course for College Algebra, and the logic being that if College Algebra, by name, is a College-level class, then Intermediate Algebra – the class that precedes College Algebra – isn’t. Many colleges do not accept Intermediate Algebra as transferable college credit. MA 151 Statistics, because of its course content, is transferable as college credit by most, if not all, colleges, but the School of Education does not require their students to have anything above MA 132. MA 161 College Algebra and MA 162 College Trigonometry are transferable to other institutions. MA 111 Survey of Mathematics was created as a alternative to MA 132, and was also thought to be transferable as a college level math

course, yet its numbering places it lower than MA 132, which directly implies that its course content is also pre-college. Glenn and SOE department had a discussion on MA 141 Contemporary Mathematics – a course that was designed to have college-level content and an alternative to College Algebra. The SOE questioned if this will be too rigorous for our students. SOE used to have a MA 151 (Intro. to Stats) as a graduating requirement, but not anymore.

Per Sam- a note in the future catalog under MA 132 should reflect, “This may not be transferable”

Per Larry- what is the main focus of our programs? Change the bar. The discussion should continue with Michael Reber, director of the SOE, present.

Per Glenn- discussion will be continued at subsequent meetings.

- d) Certificate of Completion/Achievement in Basic Law Enforcement.

Per AC- ICP is being submitted for the official signatures only. Signed copies of the ICP do not seem to exist. The AC questioned ES 102 First Responder and PE 145 Physical Fitness Development. PE 145 was verified in the 2006-2008 catalogs. ES 102 is still in question and will need to be investigated further in the AC Archive Records before the ICP can be approved.

Per Betty- will assist investigation in the AC Archive Records for ES 102.

5) Other Issues

- a) Advising and Registration

Per Larry- wondering if we as a group would come up with a more unified process during advising and registration.

Per Sue- suggested that Larry bring this up with registration committee.

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The Academic Council Chair Glenn Keaton adjourned the meeting at 1:55 pm.

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