

Northern Marianas College
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
Minutes of September 26, 2011

Approved 10/3/11

DATE: September 26, 2011

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: N-5

Voting Members Present:

James Kline, Vice Chair, Academic Council, Chair, Languages & Humanities Dept. (LH)

Dr. Alfredo De Torres, Chair, Sciences, Mathematics, Health & Athletics Dept. (SMHA)

Dr. John Griffin, Chair, Business Dept.

Thomas Sharts, Chair, Social Sciences & Fine Arts Dept. (SSFA)

Non-Voting Members Present:

None

Others Present:

Velma Deleon Guerrero, Program Coordinator, Liberal Arts Program

Loly Kingzio, Admin. Manager, Academic Programs & Services (APS), Recorder

Meeting called to order at 3:15 p.m.

1) Review and Adoption of September 26, 2011 Agenda

The following change was made to the agenda:

Under Degree and Certificate Program Review: a) Revisions to Individualized Degree Plans/Individualized Certificate Plans: Table A.A.S. in Hospitality Management IDP

Dr. Griffin moved to adopt the agenda with the change. Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2) Review and Adoption of the following Minutes

a) September 19, 2011

Dr. Griffin moved to adopt the minutes of September 19, 2011 without changes. Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3) Announcements

None

4) Old Business

a) Course Sequence Submission Follow Up: Course sequence for Natural Resource Management is still pending. **Thomas will follow up with the CJ Program Coordinator for the course sequence for Criminal Justice.**

b) Board policies on academic affairs (handouts): Present AC members have no revisions to submit regarding the board policies on academic affairs. **Dr. Griffin moved to approve the policies without changes and submit them to the AC Chair. Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

c) Board Policy on Program Guarantee: Present AC members have no revisions to submit regarding the board policy on program guarantee. **Dr. Griffin moved to approve the policy without changes and submit it to the AC Chair. Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

5) Degree and Certificate Program Review

a) Revisions to Individualized Degree Plans/Individualized Certificate Plans

i) A.A.S. in Hospitality Management IDP **Tabled**

b) Department Request to Place Program(s) on Inactive Status: None

6) Course Guide Review

a) Inactive Status: None

b) Cancellations: None

c) Modifications: None

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d) New

- i) SO 230: The AC Vice Chair indicated there may already be a SO 230 social psychology course in place. The course guide was tabled to give Thomas an opportunity to review the other social psychology course guide. ***He will present the course guide again at the next AC meeting.***

7) New Business

- a) Rationale for BE 111 as a core course: The BE 111 committee has been making changes to the BE 111 course. The course guide has been revised and will be effective Spring 2012.

The four areas of supportive findings to make BE 111 a core course were presented, which included feedback from several staff and instructors. The recommendation from the committee is to make BE 111 a core course on all individualized degree plans (IDPs). Some students, however, are reluctant to take BE 111 and students transferring from other institutions may not need the course. *A recommendation was made to invite staff, instructors, and other stakeholders of this issue to an AC meeting to provide additional feedback. This item was, therefore, tabled for further discussion.*

8) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m. Next meeting will be on Monday, October 3, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. in N-5.

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