

Academic Council Meeting Minutes **April 22, 2004**

- 1) Review and adoption of previous meeting minutes
 - a) April 15, 2004
- 2) Review and adoption of April 22, 2004 agenda
- 3) New Business
 - a) NC grading
 - b) Business course guide
 - i) CS260 Network Operating Systems I
- 4) Old Business
 - a) School of Education
 - i) ED110 Introduction to Teaching and Participation CG
 - ii) Elementary Education IDP
- 5) Other Issues
 - a) Course guide template
 - b) Course guide web template
 - c) Introduction to Computers and transfer students
- 6) Schedule of next meeting

Members present:

Lois Gage - Nursing

Jeff Willden – Business

Tom Colton – Languages and Humanities

Lynda Rowe – Social Sciences and Fine Arts

Tony Satur – Human Performance and Athletics

Glenn Keaton – Sciences, Math, and Vocational Technology

Members absent: Ed Lieberman – School of Education

Staff and Faculty present: Ray Basa – Director of OARFA and Lourdes Villazon as recorder.

Academic Council Chair Glenn Keaton called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

- 1) Minutes
The April 8, 2004 minutes were accepted with changes. Lois Gage was present at the last meeting.
- 2) Agenda
The April 22, 2004 agenda was accepted with the following changes:
 - Move item 5 *New Business* to item 3
 - Add item a *NC grading* under New Business
- 3) New Business
 - a) NC grading
Ray Basa presented a proposal to amend the grading policy of NC grades and UWs. Presently OARFA treats NC (No Credit) as not a failing grade as is currently stated in the NMC 2002 – 2004 catalog. The US Department of Education has informed OARFA that Title IV funds (Pell grant) will not continue if the NC grading policy remains in the definition stated above. This definition is not recognized by USDE, and they recommend that it be changed to No credit as not a passing grade. OARFA recommends replacing the NC grading with an NP (No Pass). One of the members requested if he could do more research on this and postpone voting until next week's

meeting. The council agreed. If the proposal is approved it will go into effect in the Summer of 2004.

The other proposal was to eliminate the UW (Unofficial Withdrawal) policy or replace it with a TF (Technical Failure) grade. Ray mentioned that the major reason for proposing this change is because of incidences in the past where instructors do not indicate the last date of attendance on the roster when a student has unofficially withdrawn from class. The council believed that this is a simple problem to resolve. The council asked to be informed and provided with a list of instructors' names when this occurs and they will make sure that procedure is followed.

- b) Business course guide
 - i) CS260 Network Operating Systems I
Item tabled.

4) Old Business

- a) School of Education
 - i. ED110 Introduction to Teaching and Participation CG
Item tabled.
 - ii. Elementary Education IDP
Item tabled.

5) Other Issues

- a) Course guide template
No new issue.
- b) Course guide web template
No new issue.

c) Introduction to Computers and transfer students

The University of Hawaii BBA Accounting program will soon begin at NMC and an issue on the transferability of the Introduction to Computers course is in question. In order for students to receive transferable credits for computer classes into the program, there are two options that need to be considered. One option is to revise the CS103 course and add one credit to it to match UH's Tools for Information Age course and adopt UH's curriculum as well. This option will add an additional one credit to all IDPs that require or elect the CS103 course. This does not look favorable for the Criminal Justice program. The second option is to revise the CS101 course and add it to the IDP on top of the CS103 course already listed, for students specifically transferring to the UH BBA Accounting program. Discussion to be continued.

6) Schedule of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2004. The meeting adjourned at 2:02pm.