

Academic Affairs Committee Minutes
October 10, 2011
Meeting Notes

Members in Attendance:

Becky Dodge
Cal Melick
Shaun Schmidt
Paul Byrne
Lori Edwards
Debbie Isaacson
Vickie Kelly
Randy Pembrook (ex-officio)

Nancy Tate (guest)
Monica Scheibmeir (guest)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Randy Pembrook, who presided as Acting Chair.

- 1) Chair Election Process – the committee discussed accepting the electronic vote. A motion was made by Edwards to accept the results of the electronic vote and seconded by Isaacson. The motion passed. Kandy Ockree was elected as chair of the AAC for 2011-2012.
- 2) Minutes of September 12, 2011 were approved as written.
- 3) BSN Curriculum Proposal: Dr. Monica Scheibmeir provided an overview of the reasoning for the curriculum changes proposed to the BSN program, including the change in prerequisites from requiring Introduction to Physics to a prerequisite of Pathophysiology. A motion to approve the BSN curriculum revision was made by Byrne, and seconded by Dodge. The motion was passed.
- 4) Technical Credit Proposal: Dr. Nancy Tate presented an overview of why changes were necessary to allow up to 48 credit hours of technical credit to transfer into Washburn. A motion to approve the change was made by Kelly and seconded by Isaacson. The motion passed.
- 5) University Closing Policy: Dr. Pembrook presented a change to the University Closing policy that will include language for online courses as well as on campus courses. After discussion, the senators asked for additional information concerning distance policies, including practicums and clinical placements before standard language is inserted into university syllabus. The policy will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 6) Announcements: Dr. Pembrook reported that the Gen Ed Ad Hoc Advisory committee met and compiled a list of nine (9) concerns that were highlighted during the information meeting.

The Graduate Education committee met and approved the Doctorate in Nursing Practice, the Master of Health Science in Education, and the Masters of Arts in Human Services (Addiction Counseling). The graduate committee is also looking at graduate course numbering and at a proposal to change the make-up of the committee from its present size. The Department of Education also presented a proposal to offer a second Ma.ED. Discussions are taking place on how the second masters will be represented on the degree.

Faculty Affairs committee is beginning discussions on outside employment, especially pertaining to teaching at another institution.

- 7) The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 24, 2011 from 1-2 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm.