

**Academic Affairs Committee Meeting
October 15, 2012
Meeting Minutes**

Committee members in attendance

Debbie Isaacson
Vickie Kelly
Royce Kitts
Kandy Ockree
Tony Palbicke
Shaun Schmidt (Chair)
Nancy Tate (ex officio)
Danny Wade
Rob Weigand

Guests

Dan Petersen, Assoc. Dean School of Applied Studies
Roy Wohl, Chair, Department of Kinesiology

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Shaun Schmidt.

I. Minutes from October 1, 2012

The minutes were sent to the committee prior to the meeting for review. The minutes were approved as written and will be forwarded to Faculty Senate.

II. Proposal regarding KN198

Shaun asked if Roy Wohl would like to make comments regarding his proposal regarding KN 198. It was decided to have the committee ask questions of Roy in hopes to target what information they need in addition to what is in the proposal. The following questions were asked, with the answers noted:

a. Why the change of thought regarding KN 198, in that twice before this has come before General Faculty and it has been supported?

Roy indicated that 5 years ago the majors for the department was 175, now the majors number around 340. The department has 2 less FTE and has less space to provide the services for the majors and the university requirement. In discussions, the department faculty determined it was of value to focus on the department's majors. Doing this will allow the faculty to utilize the space that hasn't been taken by other schools (SON and SAS) and the Athletics.

b. Will KN248 take the place of KN198? *No, it is proposed to remove KN198 as a university requirement and offer KN248 as a gen ed credit. The department plans to offer 4 or 5 sections with 1 section online with the thought that students who really want to know about wellness will gain more value from the new course.*

c. Will KN198 and WU101 be combined at all. *No, these are two separate courses. There will be one chapter in WU101 that will focus on wellness and the Department of*

Kinesiology is working with Alan Bearman to ensure the current chapter is enhanced. Otherwise, there isn't an overlap and WU101 is not replacing KN198.

- d. **Does KN198 offer information that students need?** Roy indicated yes, but so do other courses. This is the reason the department is offering KN248. KN198 was a good way of getting students to understand wellness but the question is does it need to be a university requirement.
- e. **How many students will be impacted with this change?** Roy indicated he has asked the Registrar's office to see if they can determine the number of students that will be transitioned if KN 198 is removed.
- f. **The proposal was straight forward and clear. It would be difficult for any department to be told they must continue to teach something if they don't have enough faculty and space.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal to eliminate KN 198 as a University requirement. This was approved unanimously.

III. SAS Proposal regarding renaming of degrees in conjunction with WIT.

Dan Petersen was asked why the two proposals regarding the School of Applied Studies were being submitted separately. Dan indicated they are entirely separate as one deals with a degree name change in Human Services, and the other deals with programs that are connected with Washburn Tech.

Dan provided information regarding the proposal involving programs connecting with Tech.

- a. These courses were offered by WU through an articulation agreement and now will be offered soon by Tech.
- b. This move is in hope that we will attract those students who would like to have their Associates degree and then come to Washburn for the Bachelors degree.
- c. The advising office at Tech will ensure students are aware of this option.

After further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept both proposals as written. This was seconded and approved.

IV. Subcommittee Assignments

Shaun asked for updates regarding the assigned subcommittees:

- a. Phase II Gen Ed (KN 198/WU101): These are two separate courses and are not connected at all. There will be a small aspect of WU101 that focuses on Wellness.
- b. Graduate Committee: Nothing to report.
- c. Administrative Withdrawal: Nothing to report.
- d. Degree Plan: It was asked to report there is a meeting scheduled with Gail Palmer for later this month. There are also two degree plans: the academic degree plan and the financial aid degree plan.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Schedule:

Monday, November 5, 2012 3 – 4:00 pm, Baker Room