

GORDON STATE COLLEGE
Academic Policy Committee
Approved Minutes
October 8, 2014

Members Present: Ms. Janet Barras, Ms. Teresa Betkowski, Dr. Darren Broome, Dr. Don Butts, Dr. Chad Davies (Chair), Dr. Mustapha Durojaiye, Dr. Christy Flatt, Dr. Henry Gore, Dr. Barry Kicklighter, Dr. Jeff Knighton, Dr. Mike Mahan, Dr. Nolan McMurray, Dr. Anne Purvis, Ms. Brenda Rutherford, Mr. Melvin Seale, Ms. Gwen Sharpe, Dr. Theresa Stanley, Dr. Ed Whitelock

Members Absent: Dr. Tom Aiello, Dr. Margaret Venable

Others Present: Ms. Brenda Blackstock, Dr. Alan Burstein, Dr. Kris Beck, and Dr. Joshi Prathibha

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Chad Davies, Chair, at 3:03 pm.

Approval of Minutes from 9/8/2014: Minutes were approved as written

Old Business:

I. **Proposal for Middle Grades Education:** Dr. Davies provided Dr. Mahan a letter to include in the proposal for the Middle Grades Education program to the Board of Regents. That proposal has been submitted to the Board of Regents.

II. **Proposals for Health Services and Informatics Administration:** The proposals approved through APC last month for HSIA were pulled before going to the Executive Board and the Faculty Senate. New proposals were presented today by Mr. Seale and Ms. Blackstock.

A. **Proposal to alter HSIA 4190 –** This is the practicum course in the HSIA program. The course is currently 2-3-3 after it was altered last Spring for this Fall. Mr. Seale indicated that this does not provide enough practicum hours to satisfy the requirements for the HSIA accreditation body. He is proposing that the course increase to 6 credit hours and that the practicum hours increase to 10 hours per week. Ms. Blackstock clarified that this would then be 125 total practicum hours per semester. In order to increase the credit hours, the proposal is to eliminate BUSA 3100 from the curriculum. Dr. Knighton expressed a concern from his faculty about enrollment if this class is eliminated. Mr. Seale said that he tried to accommodate this course to the criteria for application for accreditation but he could not find a way for it to fit into the criteria. A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposal. There was unanimous approval.

B. **Proposal to reinstitute HSIA 3410 –** Last academic year, this course was eliminated from the HSIA curriculum because it revolved around ICD-9, which was set to be eliminated and replaced by ICD-10. This change was delayed by Congress for at least a year and now the students need to know ICD-9 for employment and for certification. Last meeting, a proposal was brought forth to change the course number to 3400, since this course had been removed. This proposal was pulled before reaching the Executive Board or the Faculty Senate because new information from Ms. Blackstock and Ms. Barras was that the old course, along with its number, could be reinstituted. That is what was proposed at this meeting. With the reinstitution of HSIA 3410, the courses designated to replace it, HSIA 3999 and 3998, will be eliminated from the curriculum and these courses will fit into the 6-9 hours of elective credits in

the HSIA curriculum. A motion was made and seconded to pass this proposal; it was passed unanimously.

III. **Proposals for ENGL 2910/2920:** This proposal was brought back to the committee after being revised by Dr. Whitelock and Dr. Muneal. A motion was made and seconded to join the two proposals. This passed unanimously. The proposals essentially provide academic credit to those students who work on the College newspaper. If the student elected to take both courses, that would equal 4 credit hours. Dr. Whitelock stated that the ENGL AA degree is 1 credit hour shy of the 18 hours required. A student could take one of these courses and achieve the 1 hour in Area F needed to graduate. The discussion focused on the additional hour and what hour could be moved to Area B from the existing courses. Ms. Blackstock said that there were other courses in Area F where the additional hour could be moved to Area B. When questioned about how many students this would affect, Dr. Whitelock estimated around 20 students. Another question was how these courses would fit into faculty workload. Dr. Whitelock indicated that the faculty would generate a memo about the courses and that the faculty who taught the course would be the newspaper editor or advisor. Motion presented and seconded to accept these courses as Area F for ENGL AA students. Unanimously approved.

New Business:

I. **Proposal from School of Nursing for new BSN Degree:** Preliminary proposal for approval to move ahead with developing the program for a prelicensure BSN degree. There needs to be some indication that the program has been proposed through the curricular body of the College in the proposal for the new program sent to the Board of Regents. Included in the information provided was the Mission, Vision and Philosophy of the School of Nursing, the core requirements, the program sequence over 5 semesters along with course descriptions for the nursing program, and admission requirements. Dr. Purvis pointed out a couple of things in the documents. One of those was the requirement for a COLQ on Perspectives in Gerontology for prospective generic BSN students. This course could also be open to other healthcare majors. Nursing majors, however, would need to meet certain requirements before signing up for the COLQ. The prelicensure BSN students would also be required to take MATH 1111 and would be strongly encouraged to take CHEM 1151 and 1152 rather than the BIOL sequence in Area D. The suggestion will also be made that the applicants must have a current certification as a nursing assistant. The committee unanimously gave approval to proceed with development of the proposal for the BOR.

II. **CLEP scores for MATH 1113 and MATH 1501:** Dr. McMurray brought this proposal forth to revise the policy on CLEP credit for Pre-Calculus and Calculus. The proposed policy is: (a) Students who score a 50 on the pre-Calculus CLEP test are awarded 4 hours credit for MATH 1113 and (b) Students who score a 50 on the Calculus CLEP test are awarded 4 hours credit for MATH 1501. This was unanimously approved.

III. **Proposal to alter Area F English:** This proposal was discussed concurrent with Old Business III. There was not further discussion. Motion made and seconded with unanimous approval.

IV. **Proposal to include History 2000 in B.A. for History:** HIST 2000 is already an approved course in Area F for both the AA and the BA history majors. The proposed change is to make it a required course for the BA history majors. Proposed change was moved and seconded; passed unanimously.

V. **Revisions to Learning Support Programs:** A motion was made to consider revisions 2-10 jointly and was approved. Proposals 2-10 concerned discontinuing ENGL 0098 and 0099 and MATH 0097, 0098, and 0099. New course proposals were to keep in line with titles, numbers, and new placement indices coming from BOR. New course proposals for ENGL 0989 and 0999 and MATH 0987, 0989, and 0997. These changes were approved.

VI. **Learning Support Reading Exit Proposal:** This proposal is to fill in the gap for those students with a reading learning support designation. As of Fall 2015, there will no longer be a reading distinction for learning support. The students assigned to ENGL 1101/0098 will meet the LS English and/or Reading requirements by passing the courses. However those completing the Foundations course, ENGL 0099, in the current system for demonstrating completion of a LS requirement there is no means for them to demonstrate completion of the LS Reading requirement. The proposal is that students who pass the Foundations 0099 course in Fall 2014, Spring 2015, or Summer 2015 will meet the LS reading requirement. They will enroll in the co-requisite ENGL 1101/0098 and can choose courses approved for LS English. After discussion, this proposal was passed unanimously.

VII. **COMM 2180:** New course proposal for a 1 credit hour Special Topics in Communication course that would allow communication majors to add a single hour to Area F when needed and provide them more exposure to topics in their field-related interest. There are similar courses at other institutions. Dr. Boltz and Dr. Goldman would be primarily involved in the course. Although this one hour would not be applicable to Area B, other courses in the major could be used to fulfill the 1 hour requirement, i.e. COMM 1110 or 1500. After discussion, this proposal was passed.

VIII. **Committee approval of BA degree in Management:** Committee gave approval for the establishment of this degree.

IX. **Courses for Management Degree:** A call was made to join the four courses presented, ECON 3200, MGNT 3341, MGNT 3400, and MGNT 3500. These joined new courses were approved.

X. **Changes in POLS:** The committee requested further information before evaluating these proposals. Dr. Beck and Dr. Aiello will get with IR to determine what information needs to be

obtained and present findings with proposal resubmission. These proposals were tabled for this meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:04.

Next Meeting: Will be determined at a future date.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Purvis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anne Purvis, APC Recorder