# Academic Council Minutes

**December 2, 2014**

**3:00 P.M.**

**South Administration Conference Room**

**Chair:** Bill Christensen

**Present:** Andrea Brown, Mo Eckroth, Carole Grady, Don Hinton, Jeff Jarvis, Mike Olsen, Rich Paustenbaugh, Becky Smith, Nate Staheli, Julie Stender, David Wade, Kyle Wells, Greg Layton (student rep) Secretary – Sheila Bastian

**Absent:** Debra Bryant, Assunta Hardy, Carlene Holm, Dana Kelvington, Frank Lojko, Pam Montrallo, Erin O’Brien, Eric Pedersen, Brenda Sabey, JD Robertson, David Roos

## Agenda Items

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| Academic Council Minutes  
(November 4, 2014) | M: Carole Grady  
S: Don Hinton | APPROVED | **MOTION** BY CAROLE GRADY, SECONDED BY DON HINTON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014, AS WRITTEN. 
(Action: Approved) |
| Ratification of 4 Courses  
(Email Vote Approved – November 6, 2014) | M: Don Hinton  
S: Becky Smith | APPROVED | There were four courses that were missed in the Sept. 30th University Curriculum Committee meeting. One issue with these courses not coming forward in September was due to the new CourseLeaf processes/training. That is why we are going to grant an exception and move these courses forward.  
**Action Item.** ANTH 1010, Cultural Anthropology. The new course was approved in the Sept. 30th meeting with the Effective Semester as Fall 2015. The Social & Behavioral Sciences Dept. is proposing the Effective Semester be Spring 2015. FYI, as GE & Glocup changes are not made until the next academic year, it will not be offered as GE & Glocup status until Fall 2015.  
**Action Item.** MUSC 2180, Introduction to Music Technology. The new course was approved in the Sept. 30th meeting with the Effective Semester as Fall 2015. The Music Dept. is proposing the Effective Semester be Spring 2015 |
| Action Item | SOC 3041, Sociology of Rock. The new course was unfortunately still in the workflow and did not make it on the Sept. 30th agenda. The Social & Behavioral Sciences Dept. is proposing the new course (please review attached proposal) |
| Consent Item | SOC 3112, Social Statistics. This existing course change proposal was unfortunately still in the workflow and did not make it on the Sept. 30th agenda. (Action: All 4 Courses - Approved) |

**Ratification - Communication Restructure**  
(Email Vote - Approved November 19, 2014)  
M: Becky Smith  
S: Don Hinton  
APPROVED  
In the November 4th Academic Council meeting, the proposals were tabled due to questions the Council had in regards to existing emphases and a table that was presented as part of the proposal. Brent Yergensen has fixed the degree proposals and has redone the table in a PowerPoint presentation.

- BS Communication - Discontinuation
- BS Media Studies Restructure
- BS Communication Studies Restructure
- BS Media Studies - Multimedia Journalism Emphasis
- BS Media Studies - Social Media Emphasis

(Action: Approved)

**OLD BUSINESS (Actions Items)**

**2016-2017 Academic Calendar**  
M: Becky Smith  
S: Don Hinton  
APPROVED  
MOTION BY BECKY SMITH, SECONDED BY DON HINTON, TO APPROVE THE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC CALENDAR, AS PROPOSED.  
(Action: Approved)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Preview of Faculty Constitution and Bylaws**  
Nate Staheli reported to the Council that the Faculty Constitution and Bylaws policy is still under review. Nate explained a little bit about the structure of the Faculty Senate and their role in supporting the mission of the institution.
**Suggestion to Board of Trustees for a University Policy Committee**

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<td><strong>It was suggested that a Board of Trustees Policy Committee be formed. This committee will help prepare policies. The committee will be comprised of on campus employees that will relate to HR and other areas.</strong></td>
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| **Adjourned: 3:30 p.m.** | **M: Don Hinton**  
**S: Becky Smith** | **APPROVED**  
**MOVED TO ADJOURN** |