# Academic Council Minutes

**September 1, 2015**  
**3:00 P.M.**  
**South Administration Conference Room**

**Chair:** Carole Grady  
**Present:** Andrea Brown, Debra Bryant, Matt Devore, Mo Eckroth, Richard Featherstone, Nancy Hauck, Jeff Jarvis, Erin O'Brien, Mike Olsen, Rich Paustenbaugh, JD Robertson, Travis Rosenberg, Brenda Sabey, Becky Smith, Julie Stender, David Wade, Kyle Wells, Trish Wintch, Brent Yergensen, Sheila Bastian, Secretary  
**Absent:** Frank Lojko, Eric Pedersen

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| Academic Council Minutes  
(April 7, 2015) | M: Becky Smith  
S: Jeff Jarvis | APPROVED | MOTION BY BECKY SMITH, SECONDED BY JEFF JARVIS, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 7, 2015, AS WRITTEN. (Action: Approved) |

**OLD BUSINESS (Actions Items)**

**Academic Council Charter Changes**  
The Academic Council Committee Charter was reviewed and additional changes were made.

**NEW BUSINESS (Information Items)**

**Five-Year Program Reviews:**

**Communication Program**  
The Five-Year Program Review for the Communication Program was discussed. Under Program Description, it was mentioned that Dixie State College needed to be changed to Dixie State University. Also, concern was expressed about the alignment of the student’s capstone projects. The students feel their capstone projects would be more beneficial with more coordination between them, faculty members, and advisors.
| **Dental Hygiene AAS Program Review** | The DSU Dental Hygiene Program offers an AAS degree and an online BS degree completion program. As part of the External Review Summary, it was mentioned that DSU’s Dental Hygiene Program met or exceeded the minimum standards. It was recommended to make both sociology and psychology mandatory program prerequisite courses. In the past, students were allowed to choose one or the other. |
| **Dental Hygiene BS Program Review** | The DSU Dental Hygiene program offers the students an option for online course work to encourage career advancement while being actively employed and working or living in another area outside of Washington County. Also, DSU’s Dental Hygiene BS degree offers two educational tracks that introduce the student to career opportunities outside of clinical practice. |
| **English Program Review** | The English Department’s mission is to strive to instill in our students an appreciation for the centrality of language and literature in human culture, particularly their function in social, historical, and political contexts. In the summary from the External Reviewer, we were encouraged to add a research and publication requirement for tenure and rank advancement. Sited in the response to this recommendation, and as part of the strategic planning process, it has been repeatedly noted that the strength of the institution comes primarily from the positive interaction of faculty and students in the classroom. Such a requirement could diminish these types of interactions and be potentially harmful to the educational brand that DSU is attempting to create. |
| **(APRC) Academic Program Research Committee Results** | David Wade explained to the Council the 2015 DSU Academic Program Research Plan and the purpose and responsibilities of the Academic Research Committee. David said that academic programs and curriculum are the primary services and products we offer our students. David explained we are fiscally constrained by how many programs we can offer and therefore need to research and prioritize our future programs based on clear data. A committee has been |
formed and David informed the Council that the purpose of the Academic Program Research Committee is to provide data, insights, and recommendations for potential future academic programs. There were some concerns expressed and David was asked to take these concerns into consideration.

### Sociology Baccalaureate White Paper

David Wade presented the Sociology Baccalaureate White Paper Proposal as follows:
- Strategic Alignment
- External Demand
- Internal Demand
- Quality/Costs of the Program
- Revenue and Other Resources
- Research/Program Design/Other

After discussing, the Council made the following recommendations:
- Make sure we have degrees in every CIP code.
- Center for Social & Behavioral Science Research needs to come out of the proposal because we are not a research institution.
- Mike Olsen recommended that advisors be included in the proposal. Programs that all costs and advisors build into their program proposals have an advantage.
- Make sure the cost figures are accurate.

### FAR Concerns

Carole said that she had received an email from FAR expressing concerns about the Monday-Thursday scheduling for the School of Business and Communications. The email indicated this type of scheduling affects student-athletes in a negative way and if continued it will be more and more difficult for a student-athlete to fit in all the classes they need in order to make Progress Toward a Degree (which is required by the NCAA). Kyle said he wants to see some data that shows him what and where the problems are so he can address them.
Julie Stender

Julie said that Jared Johnson is requesting access to Banner for their TA’s. Julie expressed concern about allowing this to happen and thinks it is a real violation with FERPA. It was suggested that a plan be put in place where these students would be obligated to take the FERPA training and perhaps sign some sort of agreement for Banner access. One major concern expressed was that some of these students are not employed or paid by DSU. Travis told the Council that he would be happy to get a list of all the TA’s on campus and would also be willing to set up training sessions for the TA’s.

Adjourned: 5:10 P.M.

M: Erin O’Brien
S: Brenda Sabey

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