University of Nebraska at Kearney Faculty Senate
Academic Affairs Committee
Meeting of Thursday, December 18, 2003
3:30 PM Ockinga Conference Center

MINUTES

Present: Powell, Schipporeit, Wozniak, Lawson, Emrys, Korb, Nelson, Rowling, and Blauwkamp
Abs: Nikels, Bridges, Walden, Mollet

I. Review of minutes of November 20, 2003. (Already approved via e-mail)

II. OLD BUSINESS

Wozniak noted that ITEC Telecommunications Management Minor (item W) had made changes that brought the required hours under the 24 hr. maximum. Motion to accept all Old Business proposals (see below) was made by Korb (Emrys). Vote was unanimous (Powell arrived at meeting after the vote was taken). The motion carried.

Further discussion of Proposal concerning BS science-related course requirements – Wozniak reported that two college educational policy committees (NSS and Education), Faculty Senate, and the General Studies Council had discussed the proposal, but with some apparent confusion as to its purpose and intent. The proposed policy defines what types of courses may be required as BS science-related course requirements (i.e., science courses). It would NOT require that BS programs increase their science requirements. Most BS degrees currently list zero hours in the category, and the proposed policy would not affect them. The number of hours for BS science-related course requirements under the proposed policy would be 0-8 hours. The proposed policy would also not affect the BA degree programs. A chart comparing BA and BS requirements was included with the draft proposal simply to indicate the comparability of the proposed standards for BS science-related coursework with the existing BA language requirements. BA degrees currently require students to complete 6 hours of intermediate coursework (2 courses) in a foreign language OR 10 hours of introductory coursework (2 courses) in a different foreign language from their admissions qualifications. The proposed policy for BS science-related coursework would allow BS degrees to require up to 8 hours of science coursework (2 lab courses) within this category. Academic Affairs deferred action on the proposed policy until January to allow the college educational policy committees to continue their consideration of it.

NUMBER, REQUEST, COURSE/DEGREE, COURSE/PROGRAM, TITLE, DEPT, COL, REASON

#366, Inactivate, Course, BIOL 407, Limnology, BIOL, NSS, Course will no longer be offered on a regular basis.

#307, Create, Course, BIOL 409, Biological GIS, BIOL, NSS, Geographic Information Systems has become an essential for field biologists across many specialties. This class allows biology majors to learn GIS using biological data sets and working on biological projects.

#364, Alter, Program, B.A., Political Science Option, PSCI, NSS, Incorporate changes to source numbers and titles, add new courses, and improve breadth of training discipline.

#365, Alter, Program, B.S., Political Science Option, PSCI, NSS, Incorporate changes to source numbers and titles, add new courses, and improve breadth of training discipline.

G. #7, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, ITEC 310, Construction Estimating, ITEC, B&T, Request is to require that BACC 250 be a prerequisite for ITEC 310. The National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT) Accreditation Board has required the Construction Management, Industrial Distribution, and Telecommunications Management programs to establish specific requirements for courses to ensure students are taking them in proper sequence. These changes are necessary to meet NAIT Accreditation standards. Failure to make the changes will result in loss of accreditation.
H. #8, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, ITEC 320, Applied Electronics, ITEC, B&T, Request is to require that MATH 103 or MATH 123 be a prerequisite for ITEC 320. The National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT) Accreditation Board has required the Construction Management, Industrial Distribution, and Telecommunications Management programs to establish specific requirements for courses to ensure students are taking them in proper sequence. These changes are necessary to meet NAIT Accreditation standards. Failure to make the changes will result in loss of accreditation.

I. #9, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, ITEC 335, Telecommunications Basic Concepts, ITEC, B&T, Request is to require that PHYS 100GS be a prerequisite for ITEC 335. The National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT) Accreditation Board has required the Construction Management, Industrial Distribution, and Telecommunications Management programs to establish specific requirements for courses to ensure students are taking them in proper sequence. These changes are necessary to meet NAIT Accreditation standards. Failure to make the changes will result in loss of accreditation.

J. #10, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, ITEC 351, Automated Devices & Systems, ITEC, B&T, Request is to require that BACC 250 be a prerequisite for ITEC 351. The National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT) Accreditation Board has required the Construction Management, Industrial Distribution, and Telecommunications Management programs to establish specific requirements for courses to ensure students are taking them in proper sequence. These changes are necessary to meet NAIT Accreditation standards. Failure to make the changes will result in loss of accreditation.

W. #23, Alter, Program, B.S., Telecommunications Management Minor, ITEC, B&T, This program is being altered as per the request of the Academic Publications and Assessment office.

III. New Business

Motion to accept proposals #369-411 (see below) was made by Blauwkamp (Lawson). The vote was unanimous (Powell arrived at the meeting after the vote was taken). The motion carried.

Motion to accept proposals #412-413 (see below) was made by Schipporeit (Korb). The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Other New Business – Wozniak mentioned an issue that arose for discussion in the subcommittee meeting. Many of the proposals coming through channels to Academic Affairs are not academic matters but rather catalog copy changes. Although it is necessary to have some documentation for these changes, review by the educational policy committees, college deans, Academic Affairs, etc. seems unnecessary. Wozniak will draft a proposal to clarify which proposed changes require the full chain of approvals and which may be expedited (as well as how to do so). The committee will discuss this issue more fully at the January meeting.

The following courses/programs (369-411) were reviewed by the AAC subcommittee on December 10, 2003

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#369, Alter, Program, B.S., Biology Comprehensive Option Environmental Emphasis, BIOL, NSS, We have merged BIOL 407 and BIOL 472. We inactivate BIOL 407, so we would like to replace BIOL 407 with BIOL 472. The course contains the same material, but has a stronger emphasis on fish.

#370, Discontinue, Course, GEOG 104H, World Regional Geography Honors, GEOG, NSS, Change in Geography Department faculty resources.

#371, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 206GS, Geography of the United States and Canada, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. In catalog delete: Offered in Fall.

#372, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 207GS, Physical Geology, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. In catalog delete: Offered in Fall.
#373, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 209GS, Meteorology, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. In catalog change to: The course considers the at beginning of course description.

#374, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 300, Map Investigation, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. In catalog delete: Offered in Fall.

#375, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy and Prerequisites, GEOG 301, Geography of Soils, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. In catalog change no prerequisites to GEOG 102 or GEOG 207.

#376, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 305GS, Environmental Conservation, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. See attachment for change in course description.

#377, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 306, Geomorphology, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. In catalog delete: Offered in Spring of even numbered years.

#378, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 309, Climatology, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. In catalog delete: Offered in Fall of even numbered years.

#379, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 310, Cartography, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. In catalog delete: Offered in Spring.

#380, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy and Prerequisites, GEOG 315, Introduction to Geographic Information Systems, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. See attached sheet for changes in course description. Remove courses/add Jr. or Sr. standing.

#381, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 316, Advanced Geographic Information Systems, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. See attached sheet for changes in course description.

#382, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 321, Economic Geography, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. See attached sheet for changes in course description.

#383, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 341, Geography of Latin America, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. Changes in course description (see attached sheet).

#384, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 345, Geography of Europe, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. Changing course description (see attached).

#385, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 347, Geography of Africa, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. Changing course description (see attached).

#386, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 348, Geography of Asia, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. Change course description.

#387, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 350, International Tourism, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. Delete Offered in Fall.

#388, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 400/800, Water Resources, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. Delete Offered occasionally.

#389, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy and Title Change, GEOG 401, Urban Geography, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. Delete Offered occasionally. New Title: Urban and Regional Planning.

#390, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 410/810, Geographical Techniques and Thought, GEOG, NSS, Changed in Geography faculty resources. Delete Offered in Spring. Changes in course description (See attached sheet).
#391, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 411, Geographic Field Techniques, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. Delete Offered in Summer of even numbered years. Slight change in course description (see attached sheet).

#392, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy and Prerequisites, GEOG 412, Environment Planning, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. Delete and at least two of the following: GEOG 207GS, GEOG 301, BIOL 301*, GEOG 305GS, GEOG 306*, GEOG 400. Add offered in Fall.

#393, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 415, Internship, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. Changes in course description (see attached).

#394, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 440/840P, Special Topics in Regional Geography, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. Delete Offered occasionally.

#395, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 441/841P, Special Topics in Human Geography, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. Delete Offered Occasionally.

#396, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 442, Special Topics in Physical Geography, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. Delete Offered occasionally.

#397, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 443, Special Topics in Applied GIS, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. Changed in course description (See attached).

#398, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy and Prerequisites, GEOG 450, Senior Geography Project, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. Change prerequisites from none to Junior standing. Delete Offered all semesters. Course description additions (see attached).

#399, Alter, Course, Catalog Copy, GEOG 456/856P, Field Study, GEOG, NSS, Changes in Geography faculty resources. Changes in class description (see attached sheet).

#400, Alter, Program, B.A., Geography Major, GEOG, NSS, Changes necessitated by recent changes and likely near-future changes in faculty resources as well as modifications in course availability in the Geography program.

#401, Alter, Program, B.S., Geography Comprehensive Option, GEOG, NSS, Necessitated by recent changes and likely near future changes in faculty resources as well as modification in course availability in the Geography Program.

#402, Alter, Program, B.S., Geography Major, GEOG, NSS, Necessitated by recent changes and likely near future changes in faculty resources as well as modification in course availability in the Geography Program.

#403, Alter, Program, B.A.E., Social Science 7-12 Teaching Field Endorsement Option (5706), HIST, NSS, To accommodate course changes in Political Science.

#404, Alter, Program, N/A, Architecture Preparation, PHYS, NSS, To accommodate course changes in Political Science.

#405, Discontinue, Course, PSCI 100GS, Introduction to Political Science, PSCI, NSS, Replacing with PSCI 140GS, Introduction to Comparative Politics, and PSCI 170GS, Introduction to Political Thought.

#406, Alter, Program, B.A.E., Political Science 7-12 Teaching Subject Endorsement Option (6304), PSCI, NSS, To accommodate course changes.

#407, Alter, Course, Title and course description, SOC 370, Social Survey, SOC, NSS, Broaden the options for research methodologies to be utilized in the course. New course name, prerequisites, and intent of the course is attached. New course title: Sociological Research.
#408, Inactivate, Course, SOC 466, Community Change, SOC, NSS, Place on inactive status. This course is part of the Community Emphasis in the Sociology Major. The course is partially duplicated by SOC 370, therefore not in high demand.

#409, Alter, Program, B.S., Sociology Option, SOC, NSS, This program is being altered to reflect the changes in enrollments and ability to deliver all of the courses on a timely fashion. It also reflects the evolution of our practice utilizing the present curriculum. The changes requested essentially move existing courses into different locations and requirements in this major. Two courses are affected and these courses are specified under course alterations. The attached documents identify the specific changes requested.

#410, Alter, Program, B.S.E., Sociology 7-12 Teaching Subject Endorsement Option (NSS BSE 6504), SOC, NSS, To accommodate course changes in Political Science.

#411, Alter, Program, BS, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (UNMC), NURSING, UNMC, To accommodate course changes in Political Science.

Late Additions: The following proposals (#412-413) were not reviewed by AA subcommittee. They are changes necessitated by other proposals which were reviewed. #412 is needed to permit Old Business item #366 (inactivate BIOL 407) to be accepted, and #413 is needed to bring the ITEC Telecommunications Management Minor (Old Business item W) within the 24 hour maximum.

#412, Discontinue, Program, Pre-Oceanography, PHYSICS, NSS, Due to lack of enrollment in program.

#413, Alter, Course, Prerequisite, ITEC 330, Telecommunications Preceptorship, ITEC, B&T. Request is to remove the prerequisite of ITEC 320, Applied Electronics. This will reduce the number of required hours in the Telecommunications Management Minor.

Review of General Studies Council Minutes – Minutes from the December 4 meeting were distributed. Highlights included the discussion of BS science-related course requirements and of Rick Miller’s proposal to permit CD credit for students gaining international experience. The students would be required to submit a proposal, do academic preparation for the trip under faculty supervision, and write a paper about their experience upon return. Some discussion followed: Schipporeit inquired as to whether the students would register and receive additional academic credit under this proposal, since most students who gain international experience do so as part of a program for which they already receive academic credit. Blauwkamp inquired as to why the student could not do this under existing independent study courses. Emrys and Schipporeit wondered about the effect of the proposal on the existing definition of cultural diversity. If the content of the coursework did not qualify for cultural diversity credit, why should the students be able to get around that because of an international experience in London or Paris? There is no shortage of opportunities for students to meet CD requirements. Korb wondered about the potential problem of allowing students doing missions work to meet CD requirements this way–how much does one learn to broaden one’s own cultural perspective when the purpose of one’s international experience is to proselytize? Wozniak noted that Miller is currently circulating the draft proposal to seek feedback and suggestions for revision.

IV. Adjournment

Next Subcommittee Meeting: Wednesday, January 14, 2004 at 3:00 pm in 2122 Founders Hall
Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, January 22, 2004 at 3:30 pm in Ockinga Center.

Respectfully submitted by
Joan Blauwkamp, Secretary