University of Nebraska at Kearney Faculty Senate
Academic Affairs Committee MINUTES
Meeting of Thursday, March 24, 2005
3:30 PM Ockinga

Present: Powell, Schipporeit, Wozniak, Blauwkamp, Lawson, Mitchell, Deiterman-Greni, Jackowiak, Rowling, Drinkwalter, and Nielsen; Absent: Nikels, Bridges, and Walden

I.  Review of minutes of January 20, 2005 – Minutes were approved via e-mail and have been distributed to Faculty Senate and campus

II.  Old Business

Updating of forms for altering, creating, or discontinuing a course or program – Vote to approve the updated forms was tabled until next month to allow further revising to reflect changes proposed during the Committee’s discussion.

III.  New Business

Motion to accept proposals #38-43 (see below) was made by Lawson (Schipporeit). The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

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

#38, Create, Course, BSAD 100, Exploring Business, ECON, B&T, This course will help the student make a successful transition from high school to the College of Business and Technology at UNK by providing the opportunity to explore the various business disciplines and associated campus and career opportunities.

#39, Alter, Course, Grading Method, PE 111, Intercollegiate Sports, HPERLS, EDUC, The Department of HPERLS requests that PE 111 be altered from a letter graded course to a credit/no credit course.

#40, Create, Course, ENG 215, Introduction to Creative Writing for Stage/Screen, Eng, FA, English has no introductory course for Writing for the Stage/Screen. We need to develop courses in drama writing that conform to the introductory and advanced courses in poetry and fiction.

#41, Alter, Program, B.A. Ed, German 7-12 Teaching Subject Endorsement Option, ML, FA, GERM 339: Modern German Literature, and GERM 450: Goethe and His Times, are not currently listed among the elective courses that may count for the 6 required elective hours under ”Literature Option” of the 7-12 endorsement option in German. This change would correct the oversight.

#42, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, MUS 361, Integrating Music Across the Curriculum, MUS, FA, Change prerequisites to co-requisite MUS 330

#43, Create, Course, BIOL 201, Fundamental Tools for Biological Studies, BIOL, NSS, To create a sophomore level course that provides the tools and skills necessary for future Biology classes. To be added into core requirements.

Other New Business – There was none.

Review of General Studies Council Minutes – Two sets of minutes were distributed: from February 3 meeting and special meeting on February 15. Wozniak reported that the General Studies Roundtable –
Phase I is currently meeting. The GS Council will discuss plans for Phase II at their next scheduled meeting. Highlighted in the Feb. 15 minutes was the GS Council restructuring of its subcommittees in light of the transferal of WI/CD course governance to a new WI/CD ad hoc committee starting next fall. The new subcommittees are: Assessment, Planning, and Outreach. The Outreach Committee is examining data collected in the recent survey of faculty perceptions of General Studies. A plan to conduct focus groups of faculty views is also planned. Departmental plans to assess their own General Studies courses are due on May 1.

GS Director Wozniak announced that he resigned his position in February. Glen Powell is chairing the search committee for a new General Studies Director.

IV. Adjournment

Next Subcommittee Meeting: Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at 4:00 pm in 2122 Founders Hall
Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, April 21, 2005 at 3:30 pm in Ockinga Center

Respectfully submitted by
Joan M. Blauwkamp, Secretary