University of Nebraska at Kearney Faculty Senate
Academic Affairs Committee MINUTES
Meeting of Thursday, April 21, 2005
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I. Review of minutes of March 24, 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 – The forms were revised based on last month’s feedback. Motion to approve the new forms was made by Wozniak (Jackowiak). The vote was unanimous. (Lawson arrived after vote). The motion carried. Powell reported that the new forms and accompanying instructions will be made available on-line. Departments will be required to use the new forms for any submissions made after September 6, 2005 – printed on the appropriately colored paper for the type of submission. (Use of the new forms is optional until September 6.)

III. New Business

Motion to accept proposals #44 to 48 (see below) was made by Bridges (Deiterman Greni). The vote was unanimous. (Lawson arrived after vote). The motion carried. Schipporeit noted that proposals #46 to 48 are being proposed as General Studies courses and must also be considered and approved by the General Studies Council.

NUMBER, REQUEST, LEVEL, SPECIFIC REQUEST, DEGREE/ COURSE, PROGRAM/COURSE TITLE, DEPT, COL, REASON, DATE REC'D, CAT, REG, ASST VC, SUB, FULL

#44, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, BSED 314, Information Technology: Networking, ECON, B&T, Computers are a part of education today starting in elementary school. The prerequisite is no longer required because students are now entering UNK with the basic computer/technology skills needed for the courses.

#45, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, BSED 316, Information Technology: Telecommunications, ECON, B&T, Computers are a part of education today starting in elementary school. The prerequisite is no longer required because students are now entering UNK with the basic computer/technology skills needed for the courses.

#46, Create, Course, BIOL 104, Biology I, BIOL, NSS, Content is being changed to fit more within current trends at universities nation-wide. Most universities are getting away from classes emphasizing solely botany. New course number: BIOL 105.
#47, Create, Course, BIOL 107, Biology II, BIOL, NSS, Content is being changed to fit more within current trends at universities nation-wide. Most universities are getting away from classes emphasizing solely zoology. New course number: BIOL 106.

#48, Create, Course, BIOL 315, Human Ecology, BIOL, NSS. This course is being overhauled to provide an up to date examination of innovations in all areas of biology. The purpose is to create a non-major experience based on units of exploration using case-based methods (and we plan to include guest lectures and on campus video streaming). New course title: X-treme Biology. New course number: BIOL 101.

Other New Business – Review of General Studies Council Minutes – Minutes from the March 3 meeting were distributed. The planning subcommittee was engaged in a review of the NSSE data and identified a subset of items that it deemed most relevant to assessment of General Studies courses and the GS program.

There was a brief discussion about holding a May meeting. Schipporeit informed the Committee that unless Faculty Senate also met in May to ratify our actions, none of the proposals we accepted could take effect for Spring 2006. FS President Bridges assured the Committee that Senate would not meet in the summer, making a summer meeting for Academic Affairs moot. **Our next meeting will be in September.**

IV Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by
Joan M. Blauwkamp, Secretary