University of Nebraska at Kearney Faculty Senate
Academic Affairs Committee
Meeting of Thursday, November 18, 2004
3:30 PM Ockinga MINUTES

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

I. Review of minutes of October 21, 2004 – Minutes were approved via e-mail and distributed to Faculty Senate and campus

II. OLD BUSINESS

Status of Proposal to move Writing Intensive and Cultural Diversity course approvals to the Academic Affairs Committee – The Faculty Senate has decided to create an Ad Hoc Committee to govern WI & CD courses instead.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept proposals #6-8 (see below) was made by Wozniak (Lawson). The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

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#6, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, JMC 336, Radio Workshop, COMM, FA, The prerequisites aren’t necessary – the basic skills needed can be quickly learned by incoming students. Eliminate all prerequisites.

#7, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, MUS 330, Music Methods for the Elementary Teacher, MUS, FA, Middle grades teaching majors added to list of major prerequisites.

#8, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, MUS 430, Vocal Pedagogy, MUS, FA, Special permission of the instructor under prerequisites allows for student enrollment under special circumstances.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Rick Miller has proposed to redefine CD coursework to allow students to qualify for CD credit when they study abroad. The proposal was distributed to members to review but discussion tabled until the next meeting.

Review of General Studies Council Minutes – Minutes for May and October meetings were distributed. Among the notable items were: the proposal for Fine Arts & Humanities GS course restructuring has been sent to the educational policy committees in the colleges, continuing work on assessment of GS courses, and strategies for helping Health Science majors meet WI requirements despite their limited time on campus.

Schipporeit raised an issue regarding residency requirements for the institution and/or departments as part of their major requirements – what effects do they have on transfer students’ ability to complete programs in timely manner? The Registrar’s Office will gather some data to aid in further discussion.

IV. Adjournment

Next Subcommittee Meeting: Wednesday, December 8, 2004 at 4:00 pm in 2122 Founders Hall
Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, December 16, 2004 at 3:30 pm in Ockinga Center.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joan M. Blauwkamp, Secretary
from notes by Anne Drinkwalter (Thanks, Anne!)