University of Nebraska at Kearney Faculty Senate
Academic Affairs Committee Minutes
Meeting of Thursday, October 19, 2006
3:30 PM Ockinga

Present: Albrecht, Anderson, Bridges, Dillon, Jackowiak, Mitchell, Montgomery, Nikels, Rowling, Swinney

Absent: Schipporeit, McGee

I. Minutes of September 21, 2006 have been approved via e-mail and forwarded to Faculty Senate.

II. The committee was convened by Lynne Jackowiak. Elections were held. Marc Albrecht will be the new chair and Darleen Mitchell will be the new secretary.

III. Old Business

Insufficient Progress toward Degree Policy
The Registrar is still waiting for feedback regarding this policy.

IV. New Business

Motion to adopt items #31-75 was made by Bridges/Lawson. The motion carried.

#31, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, BFIN 308, Principles of Finance, BACC/BFIN, B&T, Eliminate ECON 270 as a requirement for this course - current evaluation shows this course is not necessary for student success in BFIN 308.

#32, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, BFIN 480, Investments, BACC/BFIN, B&T, Add ECON 270 as a prerequisite for BFIN 480 Investments - ECON 270 is no longer a requirement for any other upper level Finance courses due to recent changes, but does need to be completed before a student can enroll in Investments.

#33, Create, Program, Accounting Minor, BACC/BFIN, B&T, An increasing number of students are choosing to graduate with an Emphasis in BOTH Accounting and Finance, citing the lack of a Minor in Accounting as the option they would prefer. Other disciplines, across campus, have seen an increase in students wishing to have a Business Minor in the field of Accounting specifically, rather than the more broad Business Minor.

#34, Create, Program, Finance Minor, BACC/BFIN, B&T, An increasing number of students are choosing to graduate with an Emphasis in BOTH Accounting and Finance, citing the lack of a Minor in Finance as the option they would prefer. Other disciplines, across campus, have seen an increase in students wishing to have a Business Minor in the field of Finance specifically, rather than the more broad Business Minor.

#35, Alter, Program, Diversified Occupations Supplemental Endorsement, ECON, B&T, Program change involves deleting a class that the State of Nebraska Department of Education no longer
requires for the endorsement. This change aligns the Diversified Occupations Supplemental endorsement at UNK with the requirements of Rule 24 and the state Department of Education.

#36, Alter, Program, Economics Minor, ECON, B&T, The Economics Minor is being altered in the following manner: (1) a basic statistics course, a research methodology course, and senior capstone course are added to the required core; and (2) a minimum of 6 hours upper-division ECON courses is added to the elective component. These changes will make the ECON minor consistent with other programs offered with the Department and ensure that students with a minor in Economics receive an adequate foundation in Economic theory.

#37, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, ITEC 220, Electricity/Electronics, ITEC, B&T, Remove MATH 102 requisite per departmental recommendation. ITEC 220, Electricity/Electronics is an introductory level Electronics course. Algebraic Math is more applicable to ITEC 320, Applied Electronics.

#38, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, ITEC 320, Applied Electronics, ITEC, B&T, Add Math 102 prerequisite per departmental recommendation. Knowledge of algebraic equations is mandatory for Applied Electronics.

#39, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, BMIS 282, Decision Support Software, Decision Making, and Databases, BMKT/BMIS, B&T, BMIS 181 covers principles of MIS to a very basic level. All business students are required to take BMIS 302. The students in BMIS 302 learn, in depth, the principles of MIS. Therefore, it is proposed to remove BMIS 181 as a prerequisite for BMIS 282.

#40, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, BMIS 302, Principles of Management Information Systems, BMKT/BMIS, B&T, BMIS 181 covers principles of MIS to a very basic level. All business students are required to take BMIS 302. The students in BMIS 302 learn, in depth, the principles of MIS. Therefore, it is proposed to remove BMIS 181 as a prerequisite for BMIS 302.

#41, Alter, Program, B.S., Management Information Systems Emphasis - Business Administration, BMKT/BMIS, B&T, In communication age most of the business problems could be solved by scientific techniques such as computer programming. The students can get a reasonable expertise if they at least take two programming classes of different programming languages. The MIS students are currently learning Java programming (CSIS 130GS and CSIS 150- CSIS 130GS is listed in BS Science Related Course Requirements and CSIS 150 is in MIS Emphasis/required category). To provide a better exposure, flexibility, and to improve student's performance at their work, it is proposed to include Applied Basic Programming - Visual Basic (CSIS 111GS) as a requirement for MIS students. The justification for including this course in BS Science Related Course Requirement category is enclosed.

#42, Alter, Course, Title, MLSC 101, Introduction to Military Leadership, MLSC, B&T, This course is being renamed to reflect updated/current curriculum. New title: Foundations of Officership.

#43, Alter, Course, Title, MLSC 101L, Military Leadership Lab, MLSC, B&T, This course is being renamed to reflect updated/current curriculum. New title: Leadership Laboratory I.

#44, Alter, Course, Title & Credit Hours, MLSC 301, Military Operations and Intelligence, MLSC, B&T, This course is being renamed to reflect updated/current curriculum. New title: Leadership and Problem Solving.
#45, Alter, Program, BAED, Elementary Education Teaching Field Endorsement Option, TE, COE, Art 360 and Music 330 are being changed from 2 credit hours to 3 credit hours by the respective departments. The respective departments will delete the 1 credit our ART 361 and MUS 361 courses at this same time. Therefore, there will be “zero” change in the credit hours required. Drop the requirement of Admission to Teacher Education for ART 360 to allow a further option for students earlier in their program.

#46, Alter, Program, BAED or BSED, Middle Grades Teaching Field Endorsement Option, TE, COE, Art 360 and Music 330 are being changed from 2 credit hours to 3 credit hours by the respective departments. The respective departments. Student requirement will increase by 1 credit hours. Drop the requirement of Admission to Teacher Education for ART 360 to allow a further option for students earlier in their program.

#47, Alter, Program, BAED, Early Childhood Unified Teaching Field Endorsement Option, TE, COE, Art 360 and Music 330 are being changed from 2 credit hours to 3 credit hours by the respective departments. The respective departments will delete the 1 credit our ART 361 and MUS 361 courses at this same time. Therefore, there will be “zero” change in the credit hours required. Drop the requirement of Admission to Teacher Education for ART 360 to allow a further option for students earlier in their program.

#48, Alter, Program, BAED, Early Childhood Education Minor, TE, COE, Art 360 and Music 330 are being changed from 2 credit hours to 3 credit hours by the respective departments. The respective departments will delete the 1 credit our ART 361 and MUS 361 courses at this same time. Therefore, there will be “zero” change in the credit hours required. Drop the requirement of Admission to Teacher Education for ART 360 to allow a further option for students earlier in their program.

#49, Alter, Course, Credit Hours, Prerequisite, ART 360, Elementary Art Methods, ART, FAH, Changing course to a 3 semester hour course with the elimination of ART 361. Dropping “admission to teacher education” requirement.

#50, Discontinue, Course, ART 360, Integrating Art Across the Curriculum, ART, FAH, Merging ART 360 back into a 3 hour ART 360 course.

#51, Create, Course, ART 362, Art Methods for Elementary Art Educators, ART, FAH, To distinguish Art Methods courses for elementary education majors and art education majors.

#52, Create, Course, ART 365, Field Experience in PK-6 Art Classrooms, ART, FAH, Changes in the education department's teacher education program returned one hour to the art department for an elementary art field experience.

#53, Alter, Course, Title, ART 371, Field Experience in K-12 Art Classrooms, ART, FAH, Addition of an elementary field experience. Need to keep the numbering consistent with the elementary field experience.

#54, Create, Course, ART 498, Senior Project: Art Education, ART, FAH, The department has decided that Art Education students in the BAED program should have a specific senior exhibition requirement which differs from that of BFA students.
#55, Alter, Program, BAE, Art K-12 Teaching Field Endorsement Option, ART, FAH, Merging of two courses together into one 3 semester hour course. Need to develop an elementary art field experience course.

#56, Alter, Program, Minor, Art Minor-Elementary Education, ART, FAH, Art 100, as a prerequisite to Art 360, is being added to the list of requirements for this minor. As a result the total number of credit hours in the minor would exceed 24. It has been decided therefore, to omit ART 252-Live Drawing from the requirements. The addition of ART 202 to the two-dimensional electives allows for the selection of a second drawing course in the minor.

#57, Discontinue, Program, Minor, Arts-Crafts Minor-Elementary Education, ART, FAH, There has been very little participation in this program over the past 5-10 years. The ART Minor-Elementary Education serves a similar purpose and there is currently no need for both minor programs.

#58, Alter, Course, Credit Hours, MUS 330, Music Methods for the Elementary Teacher, MUS, FAH, To better meet the needs of the students, the 1 hour credit course, MUS 361 (to be discontinued) will be added to the MUS 330 curriculum. Thus, MUS 330 will now be a 3 hour course.

#59, Discontinue, Course, MUS 361, Integrating Music Across the Curriculum, MUS, FAH, Due to many scheduling problems, this course will be discontinued. Its curriculum and its 1 hour credit will be added to MUS 330 to better meet the needs of the students.

#60, Discontinue, Program, Minor, Theatre Design and Technology Minor, MUS, FAH, The revised curriculum is deleting specific minors within the theatre degree. A theatre minor can now pick and choose out of 24 hours needed to be a more well-rounded theatre minor instead of just a Theatre Design and Technology Minor. So, this theatre design and technology minor is no longer needed. The same courses are still available until the more universal minor.

#61, Discontinue, Program, Minor, Performance Studies Minor, MUS, FAH, The revised curriculum is deleting specific minors within the theatre degree. A theatre minor can now pick and choose out of 24 hours needed to be a more well-rounded theatre minor instead of just a performance minor. So, this performance minor is no longer needed. The same courses are still available until the more universal minor.

#62, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, BIOL 360, Genetics, BIOL, NSS, BIOL 360: Genetics is currently taught as a Writing Intensive (WI) course. As of Spring 2007, this will no longer be true. Since the WI designation will be taken off of Genetics, it is no longer necessary for students to have the courses (BIOL 201, CHEM 469, or PYS 270) in order to enroll and complete Genetics.

#63, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, BIOL 404, Developmental Biology, BIOL, NSS, This course is only taught in the Spring of odd numbered years. Therefore, the prerequisite is being changed to allow students to enroll in the class with the minimum requirements. This change also assists the pre-health majors in allowing them to take this course as an elective to fulfill their requirements.

#64, Create, Course, BIOL 410, Fire Ecology and Management in Grasslands, BIOL, NSS, Fire is a major ecosystem process and widely used management tool in grasslands. Familiarity with fire and certification in its use are required by most natural resource agencies and organizations in the Great Plains.
Currently Biology offers a 5 hour lecture/laboratory combined course in Molecular Biology. Changes in the health program requirements state that students in specific programs (Pre-medicine and pre-medical technology to name two) need a separate 3 hours techniques in Molecular Biology course for admission. To accommodate this change, the current 5 hour course will be taught as two separate 3 hour courses. One course, BIOL 450: Molecular Biology, will be taught as a lecture only course in the Spring and BIOL 452: Techniques in Molecular Biology, will be taught only in the Fall.

This course was inactivated and recently reactivated to teach a two semester long Molecular Biology series. This course will now be discontinued and replaced with BIOL 452: Techniques in Molecular Biology, which will be taught only in the Fall. The BIOL 452 class is not an extension of the BIOL 450: Molecular Biology course.

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This course is only taught in the Spring of even numbered years. The BIOL 360 and STAT 241 prerequisites were added to this class by the previous instructor and are no longer needed. Therefore, the prerequisite is being changed to allow students to enroll in the class with the minimum requirements. This change also assists the pre-health majors in allowing them to take this course as an elective to fulfill their requirements.

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The Medical Technology Comprehensive Major is being changed to reflect the changes in chemistry requirements by UNMC for the clinical portion of the program. The biology class, BIOL 201, is being removed because the Biology Department has removed it as a requirement for Genetics, which is the reason it was added to the program originally. BIOL 452 is a new lab-based Molecular Biology course that is presently being proposed by the Biology Department. This course is being added to the list of “Supporting Courses” at the request of UNMC.

Three changes are being proposed for the Radiography Comprehensive Major. BMIS 181 is being removed because it is no longer required that BMIS 181 and 182 be taken concurrently. Students in this field really only need BMIS 182 and therefore, BMIS 181 is being dropped. CSP 417 is being moved from a required course to one of the choices of electives. This course is not a hard requirement for most clinical programs and because of the growth of this major, students are having a difficult time getting into the class because it fills up so fast. Therefore, the class is being moved into the elective category. The final proposed change is the addition of 3 other upper division to the choices for electives. These are very appropriate courses for elective choices and are typically offered as Writing Intensive. They will also be of benefit to students in this major because they upper division.

One of our primary affiliated clinical programs for Respiratory Therapy, Nebraska Methodist College, now requires that students take a critical reasoning/rhetoric course as a prerequisite course. Therefore, SPCH 332, Logic and Argumentation, is being added to the elective section to enable students to meet that requirement. Two other upper division courses, BIOL 404 and BIOL 461, are also being added to this elective category. Both of classes are very appropriate courses for this major and will allow students to receive upper division and possibly Writing Intensive credit. Under Part B, Respiratory Therapy Comprehensive Electives, the minimum number of upper division hours required in that section is being reduced from 16 to 10. The original comprehensive degree (developed in the mid-1990s) did not require any upper division hours in this section because the clinical training gave them 37 hours of U.D. credit. The requirement for 16 U.D. hours was added a few years ago when UNK was considering accepting clinical training from students who were doing some of their clinical training at a community college. Those students would have needed additional upper division hours. For many reasons, this concept never became a reality and will not be re-visited in the future. The reduction to 10 hours is now being proposed primarily to allow students greater flexibility in choosing appropriate electives to meet their needs. For example, several lower level electives are required for students wanting to apply to Nebraska Methodist. Some of the lower level classes also help students fulfill writing intensive requirements. The upper division requirements are not being dropped entirely because they do enhance the academic integrity of the program.
Change is needed to require understanding of basic principles in General Chemistry (CHEM 160-161). This prerequisite requirement is the same as is required for the Organic Chemistry sequence (CHEM 360-361).

A Proposed Topic for Discussion: **RECONSIDERATION OF COMPREHENSIVE DEGREE PROGRAMS**

This topic was discussed and it was recommended to request data from the registrar’s office to see if there is a need and to reword the document then bring it back for further discussion.

V. Review of General Studies Council Minutes—No minutes

VI. Next Subcommittee meeting will be Wednesday, November 8, 2006 in Founders 2147 at 4:00 PM.  
Next Committee meeting will be Thursday, November 16, 2006 in the Ockinga Auditorium at 3:30 PM.

VII. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Lawson/Jackowiak