University of Nebraska at Kearney Faculty Senate
Academic Affairs Committee Minutes
Meeting of Thursday, March 13, 2008
4:00 PM Library Conference Room

Present: Anderson, Dillon, Lawson, Mitchell, Schipporeit, Summar,
Absent: Albrecht, Asay, Bridges, LeMunyan, Nelson, Swinney
Guests: Paul Burger, Michael Mosher, John Hertner

I. New Business

A. Requests to alter, create, etc., courses/programs:

#87, Alter, Program, BAED, Basic Business Education Endorsement, Updating curriculum. Changing required class from BSED 121 – Keyboarding to BSED 302 Automated Office Systems. Updating curriculum by eliminating BSED 121 – Keyboarding from the basic Business Education Endorsement and replacing BSED 121 with BSED 302 – Automated Office Systems. Omitting BSED 314, 315, 316 (1 hour each) from the elective portion of the Endorsement. Eliminating BMIS 181 from the endorsement because the information is offered in other classes.

#88, Alter, Program, BAED, Vocational Business Education Endorsement, Updating curriculum by eliminating BSED 121 Keyboarding from the Vocational Business Education Endorsement. Adding JMC 300 Web Design to the Endorsement. Eliminating BSED 314, 315, 316 (1 hour each) from the endorsement. Eliminating BMIS 181 from the endorsement because the information is offered in other classes.

#89, Alter, Program, BS, Marketing Emphasis, Creating new courses, BMKT 460, Strategic Product Management, and BMKT 474, International Experiential Learning: Marketing. These courses will give more elective options for Marketing Emphasis Students.

#90, Alter, Program, BS, Marketing/Management Minor, Creating new courses, BMKT 460, Strategic Product Management, and BMKT 474, International Experiential Learning: Marketing. These courses will give more elective options for Marketing/Management Minor Students.

#91, Alter, Course, Title, MLSC 202, Tactical Leadership/Management Techniques, This course has not been offered since Fall Semester 2001. This course is being renamed as it is being “reactivated” for inclusion in the Military Science Program. New title: Leadership and Teamwork.
#92, Create, Course, MLSC 404, Military Officership, The course content for MLSC 404 builds upon the material of MLSC 403. The content will be different from that which was taught in MLSC 402, which was last offered in Fall 1994.

#93, Alter, Program, B.S. (major code 3057), Chemistry Comprehensive: Environmental/Agriculture, No students have elected this major since its inception. No students have graduated from this major.

#94, Alter, Course, Prerequisite, CSIS 428, Data Communications & Distributed Processing, To support students’ preparation for class material.

#95, Alter, Course, Title and Other, CSIS 440, Hypertext and Multimedia, See new syllabus for CSIS 440; to keep the curriculum up-to-date following the ACM/IEEE computing curricula guidelines.

#96, Alter, Program, B.A., History Major, The History Department’s new writing program includes one required WI course at the survey level for all majors. This course – which will be restricted to majors – is an integral part of our History and WI assessment plan. At least one section will be offered each semester beginning Fall 08.

#97, Alter, Program, B.S., History-Social Science Comprehensive Option, The History Department’s new writing program includes one required WI course at the survey level for all majors. This course – which will be restricted to majors – is an integral part of our History and WI assessment plan. At least one section will be offered each semester beginning Fall 08.

#98, Alter, Program, B.A.E., History 7-12 Teaching Subject Endorsement Option, The History Department’s new writing program includes one required WI course at the survey level for all majors. This course – which will be restricted to majors – is an integral part of our History and WI assessment plan. At least one section will be offered each semester beginning Fall 08.

#99, Alter, Program, B.A.E., Social Science 7-12 Teaching Field Endorsement Option, The History Department’s new writing program includes one required WI course at the survey level for all majors. This course – which will be restricted to majors – is an integral part of our History and WI assessment plan. At least one section will be offered each semester beginning Fall 08.

#100, Create, Program, Environmental Science Minor, There is great need for an Environmental Science minor at UNK for many reasons. First, unlike most other Universities, we currently DO NOT have an Environmental Science Major or Minor. Programs such as Biology, Chemistry, Geography need an Environmental Science Minor to aid in both entrance to Graduate School programs which offer environmental programs and emphases. There is a strong need in the private/public sector job markets for students with the technical knowledge and methodological skills they will obtain with this Minor. Other programs, especially in the College of Business and Technology and the College of
Education may also benefit from an Environmental Science Minor.

#101, Create, Course, GEOG 317, Remote Sensing of Environment, Geography recently hired Dr. Vijay Boken with research and teaching experience in Remote Sensing and Physical Geography. Remote Sensing is a widely used spatial analysis tool in geography, biology, forestry, wildlife and ecology. This class augments our Spatial Analysis Major/Minor Programs and provides a research tool for students from the previously mentioned disciplines.

#102, Alter, Program, B.S., Geography Major Option, GEOG 317 – Remote Sensing of Environment is being added to our Geography/GIScience coursework due to the addition of a new faculty member – Dr. Vijay Boken.

#103, Alter, Program, B.S., Geography Geographic Information System (GIS)/Spatial Analysis, GEOG 317 – Remote Sensing is being added to our Geography/GIScience coursework due to the addition of a new faculty member – Dr. Vijay Boken. Program Title was changed from GIS Spatial Analysis Option to Geography GIScience.

#104, Alter, Program, Spatial Analysis Minor, GEOG 317 – Remote Sensing is being added to our Geography/GIScience coursework due to the addition of a new faculty member – Dr. Vijay Boken. The Program Title is also being changed from Spatial Analysis Minor to GIScience Minor.

Lawson moved to accept #87 – 104; Schipporeit seconded. A discussion ensued concerning #100, the Environmental Science Minor. Guests Mosher and Hertner, as well as committee member Dillon clarified that the Environmental Science minor, as with other interdisciplinary minors which are new to our campus, provides a more useful minor for the three departments involved, chemistry, biology and geography. Schipporeit noted that the proposed minor requires 26 hours rather than the usual 24, but Mosher explained that the additional hours are in lab hours. Dillon further explained that some of the required courses fulfill General Studies requirements and prerequisites for upper level courses. The new minor will prepare the students for the job market as well as provide a skill set to help our students in graduate school.

A second discussion raised issues concerning #104, changing the name of the “Spatial Analysis Minor” to “Geographic Information Science Minor,” and adding a new course, GEOG 317, “Remote Sensing of Environment” (see #101). The new course is being added because of a recent hire in the geography department. Guest Burger noted that while the topic was offered before as an elective/special topic, the job field requires knowledge of remote sensing software. Dillon also noted that this minor would require 26 hours.

The motion to accept #87 – 104 failed, unanimously. Lawson moved to accept #87 – 103 and send #104 back to the department. Summar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
B. Other New Business

The committee received a revised proposal concerning the 24 credit hour maximum for minors to consider for the next meeting.

II The next Subcommittee meeting will be on April 9, at 4:00 in the Academic Affairs Conference Room and the full committee will meet on April 17, also in the Academic Affairs Conference Room in Founders Hall at 4:00 PM.

III The meeting adjourned at 5:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darleen Mitchell, Secretary,
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee