University of Nebraska at Kearney Faculty Senate
Academic Affairs Committee Minutes
Meeting of Thursday, October 18, 2007
4:00 PM Academic Affairs Conference Room, Founders Hall

Present: Anderson, Asay, Dillon, Lawson, Mitchell, Schipporeit, Swinney
Absent: Albrecht, Nelson, Summar
Guest: Daren Snider

I. New Business

1. Jeremy Dillon, in the absence of Chair Albrecht, called the meeting to order.

2. Daren Snider, for the Faculty Senate, read the charge to the Academic Affairs Committee:

   FACULTY SENATE CONSTITUTION

Article VII.B. Academic Affairs Committee

- Serves as a safeguard against needless curricular duplication of courses and programs by:
  a) receiving notification of undergraduate courses and programs of study after they have been approved by the curriculum committee of the undergraduate college,
  b) reviewing course proposals in intercollegiate and multidisciplinary areas within the University, and
  c) making specific policy proposals for curriculum development and coordination to educational policy committees of the undergraduate colleges.
- Proposes policy statements for University-wide academic issues.
- Maintains liaison with the Graduate College so as to coordinate undergraduate and graduate curricula and programs.
- Reviews actions taken by the General Studies Council.
- Considers any other academic question as directed by the Faculty Senate or the Senior Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

COMPOSITION: 14 members
Senior Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs (or designee)
Graduate Dean (or designee)
Registrar (or designee)
two elected faculty members from different departments of each undergraduate college
one elected Library faculty member
two students with majors in different fields selected by the Student Senate

3. Committee membership

Membership of the Academic Affairs committee includes two new members from the College of Education, Ken Nelson and Cliff Summar, and one new student representative, Kimberly Ninnig. The committee would like clarification on who are the voting members and who are the non-voting members, considering the student members, Dean of Graduate Studies and the representative from the Vice Chancellor’s office.

4. Election of Officers

Daren Snider conducted the election of officers for the school year 2007-08. Mitchell nominated Albrecht to continue as chair; Lawson seconded. Albrecht was elected chair unanimously. Dillon nominated Mitchell to continue as secretary, Swinney seconded. Mitchell was elected secretary unanimously.

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

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

# 11, Alter, Course, Prerequisite, BACC 465, Government/Nonprofit Accounting, BMGT, B&T, Students need the additional accounting background to successfully complete BACC 465/865.

# 12, Alter, Course, Add Lab, BIOL 201, Fundamental Tools for Biological Studies BIOL NSS This call originally was designed as lecture only. Dr. Geluso has assumed teaching this class and changed the emphasis of to a combination of lectures and hands on experiments from which students write up and present their data. The credits remain the same (2 credits) and it is still Writing Intensive (WI). Students better grasp concepts and incorporate ideas taught in the lecture portions of this class when they have to apply themselves in a laboratory setting with projects. During the laboratory portion of this class, students generally work in groups on projects, in class assignments, and experiments. This class is best conducted with about 50 min of lecture and 100 min of laboratory a week.

# 13, Inactivate, Course, GEOG 411, Geographic Field Techniques, GEOG, NSS, Course no longer appropriate or necessary.

# 14, Create, Course, HIST 416, History of Christianity, HIST, NSS, Professor Rohrer previously taught this course for many years at the college level prior to coming to UNK.
Although aspects of Christian history are an element in many courses in the humanities and social sciences, at present there is no introductory course in History of Christianity. We believe that this would be a valuable supplement to students interested in any field of history, and give the critical role of religion in world affairs an obvious relevance to all students at UNK.

# 15, Create, Course, HIST 429, Religion in America, HIST, NSS, Professor Rohrer, relatively new to UNK, is a research specialist in this field, with numerous publications in American religious history from the colonial era through the 20th century. He previously taught this course for many years at the college level prior to coming to UNK. The content of the course does not duplicate any existing course in the UNK catalog, and would provide a valuable supplement to other courses in American history currently offered by our department. Because it focuses upon such crucial themes as religious influences upon American social and political life, church and state relations, and religious pluralism throughout American history, we believe that it would hold great appeal and relevance for a wide spectrum of our student body.

# 16, Alter, Program, B.A., History Major, HIST, NSS, We are adding one new course to the list of electives options for advanced U.S. History, and one new course to the list of electives options for advanced non-Western History.

# 17, Alter, Program, B.S., History-Social Science Comprehensive Major, HIST, NSS, We are adding one new course to the list of electives options for advanced U.S. History, and one new course to the list of electives options for advanced non-Western History.

# 18, Alter, Program, B.A.Ed., History 7-12 Teaching Subject Endorsement, HIST, NSS, We are adding one new course to the list of electives options for advanced U.S. History, and one new course to the list of electives options for advanced non-Western History.

# 19, Alter, Program, B.A.Ed., Social Science 7-12 Teaching Field Endorsement, HIST, NSS, We are adding one new course to the list of electives options for advanced U.S. History, and one new course to the list of electives options for advanced non-Western History.

Lawson moved to adopt #11 through #19, Schipporeit seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. The next regular meeting will be November 15 at 4:00 in the Academic Affairs Conference room. The next subcommittee meeting will be on November 7, at 4:00 in the Academic Affairs Conference room. The date for the December meeting is tentatively set for Dec. 20.

II. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Darleen Mitchell, Secretary