University of Nebraska at Kearney Faculty Senate  
Academic Affairs Committee MINUTES  
Meeting of Thursday, April 15, 2004  
3:30 pm at Ockinga Conference Center

Present: Powell, Schipporeit, Bridges, Lawson, Emrys, Nelson, Rowling, and Blauwkamp.  
Absent: Wozniak, Nikels, Korb, Walden, and Mollet.

I. Review of minutes of March 25, 2004 – Minutes were approved via e-mail and have been  
distributed to the Faculty Senate and campus.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Further discussion of proposal concerning BS science-related course requirements – The  
educational policy committees from three of four colleges have responded. Wozniak is set to  
meet with the B&T committee at its next meeting. The COE committee had no objection. FAH  
and NSS committees raised some questions, particularly about which courses should count and  
whether the AA committee planned to create a list of courses which qualify. We do not; the  
proposal includes a broad definition of a science-based course, and programs can determine  
which specific courses meet that definition. In response to this feedback, Blauwkamp revised  
the draft policy to clarify it (see below.) Further action on the proposal will be deferred  
until the next meeting, when the committee members have had a chance to review the  
revisions and comment, and B&T has had a chance to respond.

Further discussion of Writing Intensive and Cultural Diversity Course governance – Powell  
presented his proposal (see March 25 minutes for details) to the General Studies Council at its  
last meeting. The initial responses seemed favorable, but in the interest of more complete  
consideration, the GS Council deferred full discussion until its next meeting. Academic Affairs  
will await the GS Council’s response before taking any further action.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept proposals #420-438 was made by Lawson (Bridges). No discussion  
followed. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

The following courses/programs (420-438) were reviewed by the AA subcommittee on April 7,  
2004.

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

#420, Alter, Program, B.S., Business Administration Comprehensive Option - Marketing  
Emphasis, BMKT/BMIS, B&T, Marketing of services has become increasingly important as  
economies transition from manufacturing to service orientations. In addition, Services  
Marketing broadens the students' elective offerings in the Marketing Emphasis.
#421, Alter, Program, B.S., Marketing/Management Minor, BMKT/BMIS, B&T, Marketing of services has become increasingly important as economies transition from manufacturing to service orientations. In addition, Services Marketing broadens the students' elective offerings in the Marketing Emphasis.

#422, Alter, Program, B.A. in Ed., Music K-12 Teaching Field Endorsement Option, MUS, FA, MUS 469 (previous Mus Ed Field Experience) was designed to be taken concurrently with MUS 468 (Secondary Music Methods). For logistical and placement availability the field components works better with MUS 357 (Elementary Music Methods). The course number will change to better reflect the connection with MUS 357 rather than MUS 468. New Course Number is MUS 358.

#423, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, MUS 330, Music Methods for the Elementary Teacher, MUS, FA, Restrict this course to students majoring in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Unified.

#424, Alter, Course, Number, MUS 469, Field Experience in Music Education, MUS, FA, MUS 469 (previous course) was designed to be taken concurrently with MUS 468 (Secondary Music Methods). For logistical and placement availability the field components work better with MUS 357 (Elementary Music Methods). The course number will change to better reflect the connection with MUS 357 rather than MUS 468.

#425, Inactivate, Course, BIOL 209.03, Food Fads and Myths, BIOL, NSS, Course has not been offered for years.

#426, Inactivate, Course, BIOL 209.04, You and Parasites, BIOL, NSS, Course has not been offered for years.

#427, Create, Course, BIOL 311, Bioethics, BIOL, NSS, This course is being proposed in response to a request from the Health Program Office. (Some professional schools recommend a course in Bioethics). It will also serve as an elective for the Biology major.

#428, Inactivate, Course, BIOL 348, Radioisotope Techniques, BIOL, NSS, Course has not been offered for years.

#429, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, BIOL 451, Molecular Biology II, BIOL, NSS, Add CHEM 301 as prerequisite and drop CHEM 375 as prerequisite for BIOL 451.

#430, Alter, Program, BSC, Biology Comprehensive Agri-Biology Emphasis, BIOL, NSS, Drop CHEM 375 and add CHEM 301.

#431, Alter, Program, BSC, Biology Comprehensive - Environmental Emphasis, BIOL, NSS, Drop CHEM 375 and add CHEM 301.

#432, Alter, Program, Biology Comprehensive - Environmental Health Emphasis, BIOL, NSS, Drop CHEM 375 and add CHEM 301.
#433, Alter, Program, BSC, Biology Comprehensive - Molecular Emphasis, BIOL, NSS, Drop CHEM 375 and add CHEM 301.

#434, Alter, Program, Minor, Criminal Justice, CJUS, NSS, The Criminal Justice program was approved to create eight new classes for the Fall UNK catalogue. I assumed wrongly that the courses approved to be created would automatically be added to our electives for a minor in Criminal Justice. However, they need to be approved to be added.

#435, Alter, Program, B.S., Social Work Program, CJUS/SOWK, NSS, A change in the course title and number of a Criminal Justice course that we require our majors to take, puts us in a position to make a change in our requirements to avoid confusion among students. CJ Department offered the Victimology course as special topics they offer Victimology as a course.

#436, Alter, Program, B.S., Medical Technology Comprehensive, SIC, NSS, A change is being made to this program to replace CHEM 375 (Analytical Chemistry) with CHEM 301 (Techniques of Chemical Analysis) because CHEM 375 has been discontinued.

#437, Alter, Program, Pre-Pharmacy, SIC, NSS, A change is being made to this program to replace CHEM 375 (Analytical Chemistry) with CHEM 301 (Techniques of Chemical Analysis) because CHEM 375 has been discontinued.

#438, Alter, Course, Title, BMIS 380, Computer Hardware, System Software and Architecture, BMIS, B&T, The course curriculum proposed for revision. The evolution in information technology warrants changes in the curriculum of BMIS 380 including network and web-interface programming to integrate properly with the course curriculum of BMIS 381/BMIS 481. New Course Title: Computer Hardware, System/Web-interface Software, and Architecture

Other New Business – There was a question about the May meeting. Since the meeting is scheduled after the conclusion of the spring semester, it is not clear whether a quorum would be available to attend. As part of the review and approval of these minutes, the secretary will attempt to determine which members are available to attend a May meeting. If no quorum is available to meet in May, the next meeting will be held in September.

Review of General Studies Council Minutes – Director Wozniak was out of town and not able to attend the meeting. GS Council minutes were not reviewed.

IV. Adjournment

Next Subcommittee Meeting: Wednesday, May 12, 2004 at 4:00 pm in 2122 Founders Hall
Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, May 20, 2004 at 3:30 pm in Ockinga Center.

Respectfully submitted by
Joan M. Blauwkamp, Secretary
The purpose of this policy is to provide comparable standards for BS science-related course requirements to the BA language requirements. Courses listed under the category of BS science-related course requirements must meet the following standards:

- No program shall be required to add BS science-related courses; most BS degree programs currently require none and would not be affected by this proposed policy. If a program currently has or proposes to add BS science-related course requirements, the maximum number of credit hours that it will be permitted to require is 8 (two lab courses).

- BS science-related course requirements may only include courses in which students learn or apply the scientific method of conducting research or solving problems. Typically, this definition applies to courses in math, statistics, or science (natural or social); and BS degree programs are free to determine which math, statistics, or science course/s are suitable requirements for their majors. If a program seeks to require, as BS science-related course requirements, any course/s other than math, statistics, or science, the proposal to alter or create an academic program must explain how the course/s teach students the scientific method of conducting research or solving problems.

- The courses included in these requirements must not be offered by the same department that houses the BS degree. BS science-related course requirements are not to be used to “off-load” additional courses in one’s own department and thereby exceed the maximum hours for a major or comprehensive major.

A Comparison of the Existing BA Requirements and the Proposed BS Requirements

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