

Minutes University Council



Thursday, November 15, 2007
3 p.m., W1012 Science Bldg.

In preparation for the Faculty Meeting, Tuesday, November 27, 2007

Present:

William Bloodworth, Jr. (Chair), President
Randle Berlin, Chair, Staff Advisory Council; **Mark Fissel**, Arts and Sciences; **Richard Harrison**, Dean of Education; **Jeff Heck**, Faculty Secretary; **Donna Hobbs**, Arts and Sciences; **Edgar Johnson**, Chair, Academic Policies Committee; **Joyce Jones**, Vice President for Student Services; **Isaac McAdams**, President of the Student Government Association; **William Nelson**, Director of the Library; **Robert Jarman** for Robert Parham, Dean of Arts and Sciences; **Carol Rychly**, Chair, Faculty Policies Committee; **Bruce Saul**, Arts and Sciences; **Samuel Sullivan**, Vice President for Academic Affairs; **Cathy Tugmon**, Arts and Sciences, **Brigitte Ziobrowski**, Business Administration.

Not Present:

Peggy Ruth Geren, Education; **Helen Hendee**, Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations; **Chad Iden**, Vice President of the Student Government Association; **Marc Miller**, Dean of Business Administration; **Dan Whitfield**, Vice president for Business Services;

President Bloodworth called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Agenda Items:

I. Approval of the Minutes from October 11, 2007, available at:
http://www.aug.edu/faculty_secretary/ucmin_10_11_2007_draft.pdf

Vote: all in favor

II. Academic Policies Committee – Dr. Edgar Johnson

1. Curriculum changes for information only; these do not require a faculty vote—
See Attachment A

Dr. Edgar Johnson introduced the measures.

Discussion:

Items 2-4, Attachment A

Concerning the cross listings from the Department of Music, Dr. Cathy Tugmon asked if there are any other 3000-level courses on campus cross-listed? Dr. Carol Rychly replied that a similar situation had developed last year; the measure was approved in that instance. Dr. Edgar Johnson mentioned that there were no restrictions found to prohibit the cross listing.

Dr. Bloodworth sought confirmation that the requirements are significantly different between the undergraduate and graduate levels of the classes. Dr. Robert Jarman and Dr. Edgar Johnson confirmed that they are.

Dr. Richard Harrison explained that there is no music graduate program; these courses at the graduate level are for the MAT program, leading to initial certification.

Dr. Rychly asked if the changes had gone through the graduate council for approval. Dr. Edgar Johnson confirmed they had been.

Item 1, Attachment A

Dr. Bloodworth sought clarification on which students were affected by the change in the learning support rules. Does it cover all University College students, or just Department of Learning Support students? Dr. Rychly felt the rule was already a requirement for University College students.

Dr. Bloodworth asked if a student can elect to take a learning support course? Dr. Donna Hobbs responded it was not possible. Dr. Edgar Johnson felt it would have to be a learning support student and be required.

Dr. Cathy Tugmon asked if we know how many students will be affected by the change? There's a concern that classes currently are full. Will more faculty be needed? Dr. Edgar Johnson said he would inquire of Ms. Cynthia Craig, Director of University College and Chair of the Department of Learning Support. Dr. Samuel Sullivan added that no students had been disallowed due to limited resources.

Following further discussion of the concerns about money and faculty that may be needed by the change, concern about the approval process route for this item, and a concern raised by Mr. Isaac McAdams about advisement by non-learning support faculty, Dr. Edgar Johnson moved to send the item back for clarification.

Motion: to return item 1 in Attachment A for clarification.

Discussion: Dr. Jarman asked if there was sufficient time for the additional work? Dr. Hobbs replied that it would only begin to affect students next fall, so there was time.

Dr. Sullivan noted that the change in the rule should be good for students and that he prefers to see it carried forward once the questions have been answered. He sees it as his responsibility to find the funding as it is needed to implement the change.

Dr. Edgar Johnson noted that he is working with Dr. Rychly on the process for handling requests that do not fit in the usual curriculum-approval path.

Vote: All in favor of returning the measure for clarification.

There was no further discussion on items 2-12 from Attachment A

Vote: all ayes to approve items 2-12 as information only and place on the agenda for the faculty meeting.

III. Faculty Policies Committee – Dr. Carol Rychly

Dr. Rychly proposed that, as part of a continuing effort by the FPC to provide information to the faculty, Dr. Ray Whiting be allowed to speak briefly to update faculty about accreditation.

Vote: All in favor of placing on the faculty meeting agenda

IV. Introduction of the new Augusta State University Ethics and Compliance Reporting program – Mr. Walt Alexanderson

Dr. Rychly moved to allow Mr. Alexanderson time to introduce the new program.

Vote: All in favor of placing on the faculty meeting agenda

V. Resolution thanking the FPC for its work on faculty workload – Dr. Mark Fissel See Attachment B

Dr. Mark Fissel moved to include a resolution thanking the FPC on the faculty meeting agenda.

Discussion: Dr. Harrison asked if there had been results from the survey. Dr. Rychly mentioned that it has had an effect on FPC efforts this year.

Vote: All in favor of placing on the faculty meeting agenda

VI. President report

Dr. Bloodworth reminded the council of his intent to have it work on our university goals.

VII. Announcements

None.

Adjourned 3:29 p.m.

Attachments

Attachment A.

Items for information only; these do not require a faculty vote

1. Change in rules for Learning Support students, [pdf C0733](#)
2. Change to MUSI 3410. Cross List and change description, [pdf C0734](#)
3. Change to MUSI 4410. Cross List and change description, [pdf C0735](#)
4. Change to MUSI 4420. Cross List and change description, [pdf C0736](#)
5. NEW COURSE, SOCI 3950, variable content course, [pdf C0737](#)
6. Change, add SOCI 3950 as elective for major, BA in Sociology, [pdf C0738](#)
7. Change, add SOCI 3950 as elective for minor in Sociology, [pdf C0739](#)
8. Change course numbers, SOCI 3381 to SOCI 3001; SOCI 3382 to SOCI 3002, [pdf C0740](#)
9. Change course numbers, SOCI 4404 to SOCI 4462 and others, [pdf C0741](#)
10. Change tracks, BA in Sociology, [pdf C0742](#)
11. Change program courses outside of tracks, BA in Sociology, [pdf C0743](#)
12. Change prerequisites for Sociology courses, [pdf C0744](#)

Attachment B.

Item requiring faculty vote

RESOLVED: That AAUP@ASU (the University's chapter of the American Association of University Professors) in particular, and the faculty of Augusta State University in general, commend the members of the Faculty Policies Committee of 2006-2007 for their labor on the Faculty Workload Survey. We recognize Cathy Tugmon, Charles Jackson, Thomas M. Colbert, Donna Hobbs, Pamela Jackson, Stephanie Meyers, Robert Reeves, Michael "Cowboy Mike" Searles, Debbie van Tuyl, Carol Rychly, Rick Pukis, and James M. Benedict. These FPC members have worked tirelessly to keep faculty governance alive and well at our institution. AAUP@ASU invites all faculty members to express appreciation to these individuals. Therefore, we ask the faculty of Augusta State University as a whole to join with us in this resolution, and recognize our colleagues' contribution to the institution by the researching and writing of the Faculty Workload Survey.

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