

# Armstrong

## UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

University Hall 282

Minutes, August 17, 2011

**PRESENT:** James Brawner, Myka Campbell, José da Cruz, Catherine Gilbert, Leon Jaynes, Kam Fui Lau, Denene Lofland, Rick McGrath, Glenda Ogletree, Randall Reese, Phyllis Panhorst (Catalog Editor)

**ABSENT:** Kathryn Craven, Jack Simmons, Rona Tyber

**GUESTS:** Judy Ginter, John Kraft

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- I. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Glenda Ogletree, Immediate Past Chair, at 3:06 p.m.
  - II. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of April 20, 2011 were approved as presented.
  - III. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2011-12**  
Dr. Rick McGrath was elected Chair. Dr. Glenda Ogletree was elected Vice Chair.
  - IV. **Monthly meeting schedule**  
There was discussion of moving the monthly meeting in order to expedite the approval process for curriculum items. It was moved and seconded to move the meetings to the Wednesday in the second week before the Senate meetings, at 3:00. The motion carried. The fall UCC meetings will be on September 7, October 5, and November 9. Dates for spring meetings will be determined once the Senate posts its spring meeting schedule.
  - V. **Core items update (See Attachment 1)**  
Per the attachments, the Board of Regents Council on General Education approved the inclusion of ECON 1101 in Area E; French, German, and Spanish 1001/1002 in Area B; and French, German, and Spanish 2001/2002 in Area C. The core curriculum itself was also approved.

The Council did not approve inclusion of PSYC 1200 in Area D. Dr. John Kraft reported there was much debate at the two levels of review. The course was not approved for inclusion because it was felt that it was too specific in content and that core area courses need to be broader. This feedback has been given to Dr. Jane Wong.

The next meeting of the Council on General Education is in October. Dr. Kraft requested that anyone wanting to submit something to the Council for that meeting contact him, as the paperwork is due on October 1.

## **VI. LMUG courses**

During catalog editing in the spring, Ms. Panhorst received an email from University Librarian, Mr. Doug Frazier, regarding the LMUG (Library Media) courses in the undergraduate catalog. These courses used to be taught by a retired faculty member in the College of Education. They have not been taught since that faculty member's retirement. Since the College of Education has been reorganized, it is unclear where ownership of the courses resides. Mr. Frazier would like to see the courses removed from the catalog, but does not feel ownership lies with the library.

Dr. McGrath said he would contact Mr. Frazier and Dean Patricia Wachholz in the College of Education regarding the deletion of the courses and see if they would allow the UCC to initiate deletion.

## **VII. Other Business**

**A. IB Classes.** Dr. McGrath opened a discussion on International Baccalaureate (IB) classes and whether the UCC should work at developing a unified policy regarding their acceptance for credit, with input from the departments. Currently our policies address AP classes only, and IB classes are quickly becoming a popular alternative to AP. It was suggested that maybe a subcommittee should be formed to look at the issue, possibly using the Georgia Tech policy as a starting point.

While it is the right of this committee to take up issues within its purview, there was discussion of whether this actually falls within our purview.

Committee members were asked to discuss this with their constituents in their colleges and bring back input.

**B. SLO Assessment.** Dr. Kraft reminded everyone that this year we are undertaking the assessment of the SLOs adopted last year. Assessments are being devised at the departmental and faculty level. If anyone needs more information on the need for assessment, please contact Dr. Kraft.

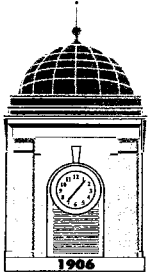
**C. QEP.** QEP stands for Quality Enhancement Plan. SACS asks us to develop a QEP as part of the reaffirmation process for accreditation. Potential topics were selected in the spring and presented to the local SACS leadership team. They picked parts of two proposals. The top is, "First Year Experience with information literacy." The "information literacy" part is about getting into the library and learning to navigate and evaluate many different sources of literature online. FYE has to do with helping students succeed and with maximizing

college experience. The plan is being developing this year. There will be more information as we go forward. Dr. Laura Barrett and Mr. Doug Frazier are the leads in this project. A committee is being put together. The end product will be a 100-page document that has to be approved by SACS. Part of the plan will involve First Year Experience and where it falls in the curriculum. There are different models. A goal is to looking at ways to include FYE in the curriculum so that it would not be just an elective.

**VIII. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis L. Panhorst  
Catalog Editor and Secretary to the Committee



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Office of the President

April 25, 2011

Dr. Anne Thompson  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
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Dear Dr. Thompson:

The University System of Georgia Council on General Education met in full session April 15, 2011. The Council did not approve your submission of PSYC 1200 for Area D.

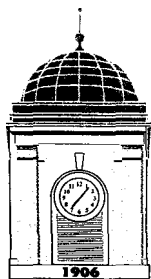
If you have questions about the above, please contact Dr. Virginia Michelich, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Achievement, who can discuss them with you.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Virginia M. Carson'. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Virginia M. Carson, Ph. D., Chair  
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Dear Dr. Thompson:

The University System of Georgia Council on General Education met in full session April 15, 2011. The Council approved your submission of ECON 1101 for Area E.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Virginia M. Carson".

Virginia M. Carson, Ph. D., Chair  
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July 25, 2011

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Dear Dr. Thompson:

The University System of Georgia Council on General Education met in full session July 15, 2011. The Council approved your course proposals for French, German, and Spanish 1001/1002 courses for Area B and French, German, and Spanish 2001/2002 courses for Area C.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Virginia j. Michelich, Ph. D., Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Achievement



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Dear Dr. Thompson:

The University System of Georgia Council on General Education met in full session July 15, 2011. The Council approved that Armstrong Atlantic State University will not change its core curriculum.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Virginia J. Michelich, Ph.D., Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Achievement