

Minutes

Academic Matters Council Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Attendees: Mokhtar Atallah, Martha Baker, Robert Bernatzky, Jeffrey Eiseman, Ginger Etinde, Dennis Hanno, John Jenkins, Christine King, Ernest May, Theresa Ray, Dennis Searcy, Cecilia Trachy, Pat Wherry

Minutes:

The minutes of December 1st, 2004 were accepted by the Council.

Announcements:

The Council welcomed Cecilia Trachy, Registrar's Office and Peg Wherry, Continuing Education.

Voting:

BMATWT 530 – Mechanics of Building Materials for Construction	PASSED
BMATWT 540 – Design of Wood Structures	PASSED
ENGIN 351 – Writing in Engineering	PASSED

Discussion of Academic Calendar

The council discussed that listing the counseling period formally had little meaning in the dept. John Jenkins referred this topic to the Calendar Sub-Committee for recommendation and deliberation. Cece noted that she would like to get students & faculty members on the Calendar Sub-Committee and the Council confirmed that John Cunningham and Mokhtar Atallah are serving on the sub-committee.

Discussion of Internet Plagiarism

Dennis Hanno stated that there needs to be adequate discussion of plagiarism issues that clearly address the rules and consequences. John Jenkins decided to defer this topic to the Policy Sub-Committee and suggested that AMC review this matter in facets. Council members were encouraged to email Mokhtar as soon as possible with comments/suggestions.

Numerical Grading

Christine King expressed a desire for the Council not to review this, since it will complicate the issues of unique grading policies within specific departments. Theresa Ray noted that in reference to the email from Rebecca Speert, it seemed that she was having difficulty with the individual faculty member and not the campuses' overall grading policy. Mokhtar stated that once it is defined as to what exactly is being graded, this should be sufficient. Dennis Hanno stated that the campus has recently gone through a grading policy reform two years ago and didn't see the need to repeat it. Jeffrey Eiseman motioned to TABLE the issue of numerical grading for two years.

The Council motioned to TABLE numerical grading with the rationale that there has been an exhaustive discussion over the last two years and solutions have already been implemented. PASSED

Other Business:

The Council agreed to meet on March 23, 2005 as an alternative to the Wednesday of spring break.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 16th, 2005 @ 12:15 p.m., Campus Center, 804-808