

Minutes

Academic Matters Council Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Attendees: Mokhtar Atallah, Martha Baker, Robert Bernatzky, Alan Chow, Ginger Etinde, Dennis Hanno, John Jenkins, Jennifer Normanly, Dennis Searcy, Theresa Ray, Cecilia Trachy, Peg Wherry

Minutes:

The minutes of March 2, 2005 were accepted by the Council.

Discussion:

Alan Chow made a brief presentation of the proposal for Preliminary Syllabi on Spire, in which a course's syllabus would be posted on Spire during registration week. This would give students an idea of the course work load and course structure before choosing or declining it. The purpose would be to help students choose which class they can do best in. Dennis H. pointed out that Spire already has a "click here" for course details, which was basically the same information as on Alan's proposal. He also mentioned that Kyle had been trying to implement this while she was here. Mokhtar stated that Human Resources would need to maintain the updates every semester, and that office hours on the syllabi will not help new freshmen. However, any additions to course details should be added to the already existing page on Spire. Dennis S. stated that the preliminary syllabi should operate as a bulletin board, like that of the 5-College bulletin board, which posts syllabi. John Jenkins asks Cece and Mokhtar to meet with Alan and give him more understanding of the Registrar's system, and afterwards, create a draft of the proposal. He asked that they make a presentation to the Council on 5/4/05.

Announcements

Mokhtar Atallah will chair the Council on 4/20/05 in John Jenkins' absence.

Subcommittee Reports

Course (Robert Bernatzky – Chair)

COMM 231: Film and TV Production Concepts	PASSED
COMM 265: Democracy and Discourse	PASSED
COMPSCI 410: Compiler Techniques	PASSED

Policy (Mokhtar Atallah – Chair)

UMASS Exchange Programs	PASSED
Joint Exams	PASSED

Program (Dennis Hanno – Chair)

Information Technology Minor Program Revisions	PASSED
Renumbering of Courses and Changes to the Undergraduate B.S. Degree Program in Exercise Science	PASSED
2008-2009 Academic Calendar	PASSED

The newly proposed B.S. Degree in Public Health was TABLED; the council is awaiting a response from Public Health.

Academic Regulations were discussed by the Council which stressed that returning students need to complete current GenEd classes. The AMC received a report from the Policy subcommittee, however, it was referred to the GenEd Council.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 20th, 2005 @ 12:15 p.m., Campus Center, 804-808