

Minutes

Academic Matters Council

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Attendees: John Jenkins, Martha Baker, Robert Bernatzky, Stephanie Chapko, Ginger Etinde, Dennis Hanno, Moon Kim, Pamela Marsh-Williams, Lori Moss, Jennifer Normanly, Gerald Platt, Linda Slakey, Cece Trachy

Minutes:

The minutes of May 4, 2005 were accepted by the Council.

Announcements:

New members Moon Kim, Gerald Platt and Lori Moss were welcomed to the Council.

The calendar for the academic year was accepted by the Council.

New Business:

Dennis Hanno agrees to serve on the Graduate Council under the category "Chair/Academic Matters Council or designee (E)." Moon Kim and Gerald Platt agree to serve on the Policy committee.

Subcommittee Reports

Course (Robert Bernatsky – Chair)

Program (Dennis Hanno – Chair)

BS Degree in Public Health: Dennis explains that he needs to speak with Joe Berger, since the addendum to the program proposal does not reflect a clear presentation and defined advising structure; students will have difficulty understanding what they are getting into and what is expected of them. John Jenkins asks Dennis to present a proposal to the council listing the subcommittee's reservations of approving the BS Degree and the AMC's request for meeting with the advising administrators. Linda Slakey expressed that the addendum's justification is not accurate with its marketing statement and will not get students into Biology and some of the other disciplines listed; Pamela Marsh-Williams mentions the discrepancies in entry into upper division courses; Cece stated that there was difficulty in understanding which courses were required and which courses were not; Gerald Platt explained that there seemed to be a problematical theme of no foundational entry courses being stated. He said the lack of required courses being offered at the beginning of the semester works against the student's academic future when entering into graduate school.

MOVED: The Program Committee will TABLE action on BS Degree in Public Health pending resolution of various questions of council members and other parties.

MOTION PASSED

Policy (Mokhtar Atallah – Chair)

Next meeting: Wednesday October 5th, 2005 @ 12:15 PM, Campus Center 904-908