

Prairie View A&M University

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UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

March 12, 2009

Memorial Student Center, Conference Room 203

3:00 p.m.

Those Present

Dr. Clarissa G. Booker
Mr. Don Byars
Dr. Douglas Butler
Ms. Deborah Dungey
Dr. Walle Engedeyahu**
Dr. Kendall Harris
Dr. Kenneth Howell**
Dr. Annette James
Dr. Shield Lin
Dr. Michael L. McFrazier
Mr. Jerrell More
Mrs. Lettie Raab
Dr. Stephen Shaw
Dr. Abida Solomon
Dr. William Vetter
Mr. Peter Wood

*Excused

**Guest

Those Absent

Ms. Jasmine D. Parker*
Dr. Edward Schauer*
Ms. Latoya Wolfe*
Dr. Lucian Yates

The University Academic Council (UAC) was convened at approximately 3:10 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2009, with Dr. Michael L. McFrazier, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, presiding. The location of this meeting was in the Memorial Student Center, Conference Room, 203. Dr. McFrazier welcomed those who were present and officially called the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED

I. Consent Agenda Item

A. Mrs. Lettie Raab, Director University College Proposed Requirements for Conditionally Admitted Students.

Mrs. Raab addressed the council with a proposed requirement for conditionally admitted students. She impressed upon the council the importance of future academic success of students admitted on a conditionally status. She stated that they must be given an educational plan that is monitored very closely. She then presented the proposal. Thereafter, the following discussion followed: (1) Limitation of hours for the conditional students; (B) Community College Collaboration and other Options; (C) University Mission/Achieve the Dream (ATD).

Dr. McFrazier requested that the council members share the proposed requirement with their departments for feedback. No action was taken on the proposal.

**B. Dr. Douglas Butler, Acting Department Head
Department of Curriculum and Instruction
College of Education**

Dr. Butler was requesting approval of six Interdisciplinary Studies Degree Plans (i.e., EC-6 Generalist (120 SCHS); Special Education EC-12 (123SCHs); English/Language Arts and Reading 4-8 (120 CHs); Mathematics, 4-8 (120 SCHs); Science, 4-8 (120 SCHs); and Social Studies (120 SCHs). He stated that the College of Education had compared the current degree plans with other school programs and noted that they were not in compliance with the current state requirements. He stated that there was input from the faculty, Teacher Center Advisory Board members, Department Heads and students. All of the courses within the degree plans were already on the inventory. A brief discussion followed Dr. Butler's presentation.

Questions/Concerns:

1. Ms. Dungey asked if the core requirement listed was consistent with the University's core requirement. Dr. Butler response was yes.
2. Humanities/Visual Arts Requirement
3. Social Studies Options (HIST 1313)—noted twice)
4. Effective date – Fall 2009

After satisfying the concerns of the Council, the following motion was carried.

Motion: Mrs. Raab moved and Dr. Shaw seconded the motion that the six Interdisciplinary Studies degree plans be approved with cited modifications. **The motion carried unanimously.**

II. Task Force Assignments

- o **Task Force IV:** Dr. Booker stated that she, along with other members of Task Force IV had met and stated that the request from the Division of Social Work, Behavior and Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences were in compliance with what was requested. She then asked Dr. Walle Engedayehu, Head of the Division of Social Work, Behavioral & Political Science to address the council.

Dr. Engedayehu stated he and faculty in the Division of Social Work, Behavioral and Political Science had met with the College of Education to recommend that a degree program with a Teacher Certification Track for Majors in History and Political Science be approved. He stated both tracks would consist of 18 hours of CUI courses from the College of Education. The course would take the place of the minor courses required of Majors to complete the degree requirement in each program.

Dr. Booker and Mrs. Raab expressed favorable comments to Dr. Engedayehu.

Motion: Dr. Booker moved and Dr. Lin seconded the motion that the request for a approval of Teacher Certification Tracks in History and Political Science be approved. **The motion carried unanimously.**

III. Old Business

None

III. New Business

None

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 4:35

Submitted by:

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