

# Prairie View A&M University

Prairie View, Texas 77446

## UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

April 16, 2009

President's Conference Room

3:00 p.m.

### Those Present

Dr. Clarissa G. Booker  
Dr. Patricia Hoffman Miller\*\*  
Dr. Shield Lin  
Mr. Jerrell Moore  
Mr. Jim Price, Jr. \*\*  
Ms. Lettie Raab  
Dr. Vicki Seldon  
Dr. Stephen Shaw  
Dr. Abida Solomon  
Mr. Peter Wood  
Dr. Lucian Yates, III

### Those Absent

Mr. Don Byars\*  
Dr. Douglas Butler\*  
Ms. Deborah Dungey\*  
Dr. Kendall Harris\*  
Dr. Annette James\*  
Ms. Jasmine D. Parker\*  
Dr. Edward Schauer\*  
Dr. William Vetter\*  
Ms. Latoya Wolfe\*

\*Excused

\*\*Guest

The University Academic Council (UAC) was convened at approximately 3:20 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2009, with Dr. Michael L. McFrazier, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, presiding. The location of this meeting was in the President's Conference Room. Dr. McFrazier welcomed those who were present and officially called the meeting to order.

### AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED

#### I. Task Force Assignments

- A. Dr. Shield Lin, Member (Task Force V)  
Task Force Assignment:  
Dr. Patricia Hoffman Miller  
Interim Department Head, College of Education  
Department of Health and Human Performance

**Task Force V Report:** Dr. Lin stated that Task Force V had met and stated that the request from the College of Education, Department of Health and Human Performance was in compliance with what was requested of the task force. He then asked Dr. Patricia Hoffman Miller to address the council.

Dr. Hoffman Miller stated that the Department of Health and Human Performance was requesting a departmental name change to the Department of Kinesiology and Applied Health Sciences. She stated that the purpose of the change was to offer degree programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels that were consistent with state and national market trends. She stated that the program would include a Bachelor of Science in Health Studies with areas of concentration in all levels of health education, community and public health and public health administration.

In addition, a Bachelor of Science in Human performance with areas of concentration to include Kinesiology in all levels of physical education certification, all levels of adapted physical education certification, kinesiology in Exercise Science/sports administration and Kinesiology-Exercise Science with a pre-physical therapy option would also be offered. She further stated that many students had left the University because this program was not being offered as an option for them. She concluded by stating that faculty were in place to teach the courses proposed in the new degree plans. Dr. Booker expressed her concerns relative to the pool conditions in support of the program. Dr. Hoffman-Miller received favorable commendations following her presentation.

**Motion:** Dr. Lin moved and Mr. Wood seconded the motion that the request presented by Dr. Hoffman Miller be approved. **The motion carried unanimously.**

## II. Task Force Assignments

- B. Dr. Clarissa G. Booker (Task Force IV)  
Task Force Assignment:  
Dr. Vick Seldon  
Associate Professor  
Department of Music and Drama

Dr. Booker stated that she, along with her task force members had met with the Department of Music and Drama and was prepared to make a recommendation to the UAC. She then commended the Department of Music and asked Dr. Seldon to address the council.

Dr. Seldon stated that the Music and Theatre Department was requesting approval to delete one course and add six additional courses to their curriculum. She stated that the additions were in compliance with the National Association of Schools of Music. One of the concerns being that the music majors did not have enough opportunities to study and perform instrumental and vocal chamber music. The addition of the courses would give students expanded opportunities without requiring the hiring of additional faculty or requiring that the course be as part of the degree plan. The change to the theatre curriculum would include deleting DRAM 3103 and replacing it with DRAM 2023, Advanced Acting Course. The intent would be to expedite progress of theatre majors through the theatre curriculum and towards graduation. No additional faculty would be needed to teach the proposed courses.

**Motion:** Dr. Booker moved and Dr. Yates seconded the motion that the request presented by Dr. Hoffman Miller be approved. **The motion carried unanimously.**

## III. Old Business

None

### **III. New Business**

- ✓ Dr. McFrazier announced that the Faculty and Professional Staff Conference is “tentatively” being scheduled for May this year. He stated additional information was forthcoming.
- ✓ Dr. Seldon invited the UAC members to a production titled: *A funny thing happened on the way to the forum.* Date of Production: Friday, April 17 – Saturday, April 19, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. She encouraged the support of the UAC members.

### **IV. Adjournment**

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

Submitted by:

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