Wilkes University Curriculum Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
April 9, 2013  
Kirby 108

In attendance: Tom Mazzola, Eric Wright were not in attendance

Call to Order: Chair, Mary Kropwienicki called the meeting to order at 11:01 am

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from March, 2013 were approved w/o discussion. S. Malkemes called for approval, seconded by E. Hou

New Proposals for Review:

Creative writing: Dr. Bonnie Culver was present by phone: The changes made to the creative writing programs are due to students request that the area of study they’re pursuing is indicated in the title of the program. In addition, publishers requested adding a track in publishing. They are now ready to go forward with the new curriculum. A film company has moved into their building, and new documentation is ready to put out, thus the new curriculum in film encouraged the new degree proposal. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Simon, seconded by S. Kelly and it was approved unanimously.

Digital Humanities Concentration in English.-Dr. Larry Kuhar spoke to the proposal. He feels this is a good for improvement to the English Program. It enhances the core values of the humanities curriculum. He explained the program as a valuable way to make English practical again. He has spoken w/ experts in D.H. to help build the program. He is looking for multi-year phase in. Tom Hammell also spoke to the value of the proposal.

Heidi Selecki—how can library support this new program w/current financial support? “We’re broke” Dr. Kuhar replied—The program is budget neutral for 1st yr., but eventually collaboration with IT and library will help generate funds. Gloria has some funds for such things as a digital dictionary. There is strong support from a donor for lab space. Also, possible start up grants are available. The motion to approve was made by M. Grandinetti, seconded by S. Kelly. The motion passed unanimously.

BA in History with a Public History concentration. Dr. Wenger spoke for the proposal. The degree is for those who want to work in history, perhaps in a museum or library, but not teach. It should help in recruiting non-education major students. S. Malkemes expressed one concern—too many oral presentations at end, which might replace COM 101.- Dir. Wenger replied that history students not pressed for credits as are education majors. Some can do this and still have another major. F. Kong asked what are the three courses to be added. Dr. Wenger—They are in the proposal. The motion to approve was made by F. Kong seconded by S. Malkemes. The motion passed unanimously.
Intergrative Media minor cognate in marketing-Dr. Eric Ruggiero spoke for the proposal. IM has a series of cognate minors. A realignment of business majors is the goal as it adds a marketing cognate to the other business majors.

The need reflects the interest of students who attend open houses and current students interest in the program. Dr. Hao pointed out that there is a typo on page 2. M. Kropwienicki suggested that there is no need to add this change. S. Kelly observed that the program is a good idea. The motion to approve was made by P. Simon and seconded by E. Hao. The motion passed unanimously.

Theatre Arts Concentrations, a Program Revision-Joe Dawson spoke for the proposal. He explained the overall theatre program. The proposal simply tightens up requirements, especially for upper level courses. The Theatre Program has breadth but no depth. The course descriptions and numbers are changed to better accommodate the sequence of classes. Students are expected to choose course tracks for concentrations. Short discussion followed.

The motion to approve was made by P. Simon seconded by D. Wenger. The motion passed unanimously pending the Provost’s signature.

Pharmacy Practice, pass/fail/incidental change-The Registrar needs approval of the Curriculum Committee due to course description changes. Credits show but do not affect the students GPA. Short discussion- M. Grandinetti agrees with the proposal. The motion to approve was made by M. Grandinetti seconded by M. Kropwienicki. The motion passed unanimously.

Pharmacy-new course addition-PHA556-M. Grandinetti reviewed this proposal. In the section under course assessment-attendance calls for 50 out of 200 points, but on the next page it says attendance is not taken, but strongly encouraged. Chair will call Dr. Bomreddy to ask about this conflict. There is no need to table the proposal, but an e-mail vote will be taken after the Chair’s discussion with Dr. Bomreddy. The motion to approve was made by Dr. Simon and seconded by M. Grandinetti. The motion passed unanimously.

EDD incidental change in Quantitative Research-courses-The current name confuses students. Should be Quantitative 1 and 2- changed course description to remove topics covered in specific sequence. S. Malkemes thought the proposal is clear cut and E. Hao also felt changes make the courses more clear. The motion to approve was made by S. Malkemes, seconded by E. Hao. The motion passed with one abstention.

M.Ed in Middle School Level Education-Dr. Kropwienicki spoke for the proposal. The program allows students to become a teacher from another discipline such as math or science. It gives older students courses that allow for certification without taking undergrad. day courses in Education. The degree is mainly pedagogy courses. All PDE mandated tests must be passed before entry into program. It is totally on line…other schools already offer such degrees. It requires 36 credits minimum, but PDE must approve it before it goes live and the department may up the course requirements. Short discussion with comments all in agreement. The motion to approve was made by S. Kelly and seconded by D. Wenger. The motion passed unanimously.

Prop. Mth 101 to replace Math 107 for all business majors-incidental-F. Kong reviewed the proposal. There were no reasons given for change. E. Hao explained that the students do not
seem to gain the background they need with the current business math class. 107 is less rigorous—they need something more oriented toward business math. Student’s feedback indicates that 107 does not give them what they need for basic business math. Eventually 107 will be deleted. This proposal is just a formalization of what the department is already doing. The motion to approve was made by D. Wenger and seconded by F. Kong. The motion passed unanimously.

**Computer Science Program revision**—incidental—F. Kong spoke for the proposal. Look at prop. Short discussion, lead by F. Kong lead to a motion to approve by E. Hao and seconded by F. Kong. The motion passed unanimously.

**ENG./Phys. 170**—incidental change. Dr. Rodney Ridley spoke for the proposal. Adding a discussion section—now required but without a credit change. 3 hrs. lec./2 hrs lab/1 hr disc. As before, but now formalized. S. Malkemes and M. Grandinetti said that the process has been difficult for nursing due to the difficulty of getting students into clinicals. Dr. Ridley is amenable to moving the discussion sessions around to accommodate nursing majors, as long as it’s clear to everyone it will work. The motion to approve was made by D. Wenger and seconded by S. Malkemes. The motion passed unanimously.

**ENG.-ERG. 140** incidental—prerequisite Change. Dr. Ridley spoke. In the past any student was accepted into class. Some took Math 94, but some did not understand the math needed for 140. So now students must be finished through mth 100 to take 140. There was no discussion. The motion to approve was made by S. Kelly and seconded by the Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

**ENG.**—recommended science seq. for EE, ME EGM, AES majors. Dr. Ridley explained the proposal as a recommended sequence change. It seems good for clarification. S. Malkemes questioned—will the change cause more students in chemistry? Dr. Ridley—No, the same number will enroll regardless. S. Malkemes questioned the use of the phrase “good students” Dr. Ridley used an alternate term, “better prepared” and will change the phrase for the final proposal. The motion to approve was made by S. Malkemes and seconded by E. Hao. The motion passed, with changes, unanimously.

**Old/Pending business**
- none

**New Business:**
- none.

**Next Meeting:** September, 2013
Motion to adjourn made at 11:56 by P. Simon, seconded by S. Kelly

Submitted by Dr. Philip G. Simon