

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

June 17, 2024

Present: Leslie Griffin, Merideth Van Namen, Vicki Bingham, Fawn Ussery, Shaun Kelly, Kristen Land, Valarie Morgan, David Hebert, Edwin Craft, Ellen Green, Tomeka Harbin, Brandi Lovin (as Registrar’s representative)

Absent: Joi Phillips

Guests: None

Call to order: A meeting of the Academic Council was held in the President’s Conference Room on June 17, 2024. The meeting convened at 4:00 PM with Provost Leslie Griffin presiding.

Agenda item	Comments/Discussion	Action taken	Responsible party
Approval of Agenda:	Motion to approve agenda was made by Shaun Kelly and seconded by Dr. Vicki Bingham. All in favor.	Approved	Leslie Griffin
Approval of Minutes:	Motion to approve minutes for Thursday, June 13, 2024, was made by Shaun Kelly and seconded by Dr. Merideth Van Namen. All in Favor.	Approved	Valarie Morgan
Informational Items:			
Provost’s Updates:	<p><u>Dr. Leslie Griffin provided the following updates:</u></p> <p>1. Update on the University Assessment Advisory Committee’s Work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The team has had several productive meetings, and the work is ongoing. b. Dr. Griffin emphasized her appreciation for all everyone is doing to work cohesively during this transition. 		Leslie Griffin
Faculty Senate	No update.		Shaun Kelly

Old Business: Action Items: Academic	None.		Leslie Griffin
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Restructuring			
<p>New Business:</p> <p>Curriculum/ Course Action Requests</p>	<p><u>COEHS Curriculum Items:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motion to approve the <i>Curriculum Action Request/Course Action Requests- Bundle</i>- was made by Dr. Van Namen and seconded by Shaun Kelly. The bundle includes the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Addition of the new major- Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education b. Addition of the following courses: CUR 380: Secondary Methods I; CUR 390: Secondary Methods II; CUR 401: Technology in Education c. Revision to the title for MUS 150: Music Theory to MUS 150: Music Theory and Musicianship d. Revision to the title for MUS 151: Music Theory to MUS 151: Music Theory and Musicianship e. Revision to the title for MUS 305: Music Education to MUS 305: Principles of Music Education <p>The following discussion ensued:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dr. Van Namen explained the context for the degree, the licensure requirements, and any specific Mississippi Department of Education mandated degree requirements b. The use of common methods courses across all secondary programs was addressed c. Dr. Hebert expressed his disapproval of the program citing the lack of discipline-based standards represented by the curriculum d. Dr. Bingham and Dr. Green asked that the catalog/academic maps be revised to reflect pre-requisite issues in math and science (BIO 100 and BIO 101 required; CHEM 102 and CHE 104 required; need for BIO 300, 301, and 328) <p><i>8- approved, 2-nay, 1- abstentions. Motion Carried.</i></p>		<p>Dr. Merideth Van Namen</p>

Discussion:	None.		
Announcements:	<p><u>The following announcements were made:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brandi Lovin announced the hiring of three new academic advisors who will begin July 1, 2024 before the next Taking Care of Business Day on July 31, 2024 		
Adjourned:	4:47 pm		
Next Meeting:	TBA		

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