

**INSTRUCTION COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 15, 2005
9-10:30 a.m.
101 Whitehurst Conference Room**

Present: Bob Davis, Virgil Nichols, Ed Miller, Craig Robison, Gordon Emslie, Jerry Montag, Shiretta Ownbey, Tom Wikle, Bill Ivy, and Gail Gates.

1. Review of General Education Courses

Dr. Gates noted that the University policy on general education courses (**Modifying the List of Approved General Education Courses, Policy # 2-0212**) has not changed since 1982 and the policy states that the general education courses should be reviewed every three years. Some members expressed concerns about the additional writing requirements especially for large enrollment courses. The General Education Advisory Council realizes the writing requirements will increase the workload of some faculty and noted that departments should request funds to address these needs.

2. Graduate College Proposals (International Bridge Program, 4000/5000 Level Courses, Graduate Faculty Council Amendments, etc.) – Gordon Emslie

Dr. Emslie would like IC members to review the proposed Bylaws for Graduate Faculty on the <http://gradcollege.okstate.edu/faculty/gfc%20minutes/gfc-bylaws.htm> link and send any suggestions or comments to the Graduate Faculty Council.

Dr. Emslie noted that the definition of the graduate certificate will go into the catalog with a rationale statement.

The Bridge Program proposal was approved by the Council of Deans and Gordon noted that requirements for a student with a 3 year degree will be determined by the departments. We will test the program for a few years and reevaluate. The 4000/5000 level course proposal was not taken well by the Dean's Council, therefore, Dr. Emslie is looking at ways to distinguished graduate credit and how it will appear on the transcripts..

3. Student Survey of Instruction Proposal

Dr. Gates noted that the Bureau for Social Research has software to develop attractive web-based surveys and the plan was to offer an opportunity to approximately 10 faculty to try an on-line version of the Student Survey of Instruction this summer. However, we are waiting for a proposal from the Bureau for Social Research.

4. Academic Integrity Policy – DRAFT (handout)

Dr. Gates distributed the draft policy and summary flow chart and asked the council to give any comments regarding the Academic Integrity Policy. Members asked if the sanction is suspension, when would that occur.

5. Other Items

Adjourn: