

# INSTRUCTION COUNCIL

February 22, 2008

204 Whitehurst

## MINUTES

Present: Raj Basu, Celeste Campbell, Albert Colom, Ed Miller, Leigh Goodson, Mark Payton, Chris Ross, Shiretta Ownbey, Mark Weiser, Kevin Moore, Tom Wikle, Gordon Emslie, and Gail Gates.

### 1. Graduate Applications and Enrollment – Gordon Emslie

Dr. Emslie noted shared data on graduate application and enrollment trends and a draft survey intended to gather information regarding current graduate recruiting practices, how departments/programs function in terms of the ratios of applications to acceptances to enrollments, and how recruiting resources are being/should be allocated. Dr. Emslie is asking for input from members and their graduate coordinators.

### 2. Curricular Requests

#### College of Education

#### ATHLETIC TRAINING, BS (434)

Program Modification: Program Requirement Change

Program Requirement Change: Course requirement change, degree requirement change, and change in total credit hours.

The College of Education at Oklahoma State University requests the change in overall GPA to allow the program to ensure that program graduates will be competitive for entry level positions or graduate assistantships upon graduation. The change in required major courses reflects the updated competencies and proficiencies established by the accrediting body for athletic training.

Approved.

### 3. Proposed Deletion of College Enrollment Requirement (University Academic Regulation 7.3)

A candidate for graduation must be enrolled in the college from which he or she wishes to receive the degree for at least two semesters, or one semester and one summer session, or three summer sessions immediately preceding graduation. For the award of a second baccalaureate degree, this requirement may be waived by the dean of the college awarding the second degree. (See Academic Regulations 7.2 *Residence Credit Requirements* and 3.10 *Second Baccalaureate Degree*.)

Dr. Gates noted that this policy has been in the catalog for some time but is not being enforced. Members voted to delete the policy. Dr. Gates will ask Directors of Student Academic Services (DSAS) for comments, after which the proposal will be sent to the Academic Standards and Policies Committee of Faculty Council.

### 4. Incomplete Grade Policy (handout from Faculty Council)

It was noted that the Incomplete Grade Policy proposal was approved by Faculty Council with minor revisions. Members approved the proposal. They asked if the unofficial transcripts could display the "IA, IB, IC, ID" grade, members asked that the official transcript display only the "I". Dr. Campbell said that she would check with Doug Reed to see if the transcript can be changed as requested. Dr. Campbell asked members to help inform the faculty of the new policy.

### 5. Block Tuition – 5 Year Degree Programs

Architectural Engineering – 160 hours

Architecture – 159 hours

Landscape Architecture – 160 hours

Possibly – Mechanical Engineering Premed Option – 142 hours

Agricultural Education/Horticulture Double Major – 146 hours

A year ago HB 2103 was passed. The law requires universities to offer block tuition. Dr. Campbell serves on the committee that has been planning implementation of the program. Block tuition allows students to pay the same tuition for four years; however, the institution may allow block tuition for 5 years for programs that require 5 years to complete the degree. Members agreed that students who major in Architectural Engineering, Architecture, and Landscape Architecture should be allowed 5 years to complete their degree, but not students with double majors, minors or other degrees.

**6. Use of Printed Enrollment Management Publications: OSU Catalog, Undergraduate Programs and Requirements, and Enrollment Guides – Celeste Campbell**

Dr. Campbell asked members to let her know how many copies of each degree sheet they would like to receive. Dr. Campbell also commented that the Registrar's Office had been considering printing the catalog or producing CDs for New Student Orientation in the summer (before the tuition/fees have been determined). Last year's tuition/fees will be printed in the catalog with a note that the figures were from last year. The Registrar's office will be assessing use of the catalog by various groups (prospective and current students, faculty, advisers, and parents) through a survey.

**7. Academic Integrity Marketing Proposal – Gail Gates**

Dr. Gates noted that Academic Affairs is working on a new Academic Integrity marketing campaign and passed around some posters for members to view.

**8. Other**

Dr. Gates noted that students who are admitted under the proposed new holistic admissions process will be regularly admitted to the colleges and not University Academic Services (UAS) unless they experience academic difficulties. The proposal was posted at the February Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education meeting and expected to be approved at the March 13<sup>th</sup> Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) Board meeting.

Dr. Robert Dooley commented that there has been an interest in broadening the entrepreneurship efforts at Oklahoma State University with the possibility of creating a minor in entrepreneurship. He also mentioned that there may be a significant gift towards this endeavor and that President-to-be, Burns Hargis, has indicated an interest in this effort. Dr. Dooley asked members to think about their entrepreneurship programs and the possibly of collaborating between colleges. Dr. Dooley will be asking members for feedback in the next Instruction Council meeting, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn: 10:40 a.m.**