

**Prairie View A&M University**  
Prairie View, Texas 77446

**UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday, May 2, 2013  
John B. Coleman Library, Room 508  
3:00 pm

Those Present

Dr. Cheryle Snead-Greene  
Dr. Joe Dickson  
Dr. Shield Lin  
Dr. Terence Hicks  
Dr. Jennifer Erdely  
Mr. Jonathan Miller  
Dr. Emmanuel Opara  
Dr. Abida Solomon - TVVN  
Dr. Judith Hansen  
Dr. Annette James  
Ms. Traci Chernosky  
Ms. Mahalla Smith  
Dr. Clarissa G. Booker  
Dr. Angela Branch-Vital  
Ms. Deborah Dungey  
Dr. Mark Tschaepe – G  
Dr. Gevardi Garcia - G  
Ms. Tracey Moore - G  
Dr. Clarence Talley - G  
Dr. Kendall T. Harris

Those Absent

Dr. James A. Wilson, Jr - G  
Mrs. Lettie Raab - EA  
Dr. Michael L. McFrazier - G  
Mr. Peter Wood - EA  
Dr. Thomas-Smith - G  
Dr. Kay Norman - EA  
Mr. Don Byars - EA  
Dr. Elizabeth Brumfield - A  
Dr. Felecia Nave - EA

The University Academic Council (UAC) was convened at approximately 3:18 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2013, with Ms. Deborah Dungey, Registrar, presiding in the absence of Dr. Felecia M. Nave, Associate Provost & Associate VP for Academic Affairs. The location of this meeting was in the John B. Coleman Library, Room 508. Ms. Dungey welcomed that were present and officially called the meeting to order.

**AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED**

**I. Minutes from last Academic Council Meeting**

All those present were asked to look over the minutes from the last University Academic Council Meeting on, Thursday, March 21, 2013, Thursday, April 11, 2013, and Thursday, April 18, 2013.

**Motion:** Dr. Judith Hansen moved and Dr. Cheryle Snead-Greene seconded the motion to approve the minutes from Thursday, March 21, 2013, Thursday, April 11, 2013, and Thursday, April 18, 2013. **The motion carried unanimously.**

## **II. Task Force Assignments**

**Task Force 1 Update** – The Division of Social Work, Behavioral and Political Science and the Department of Languages and Communications Course Inventory Updates, Dr. Cheryle Snead-Greene, chair.

Dr. Mark Tschaepe, Assistant Professor of Philosophy presented to proposal to change the Critical Thinking course number from PHIL 3013 to PHIL 2303. This proposal is in light of the need to match the course with the existing TCCN Matrix. Given the fact that the course has been offered, but never made, there should be no issue with changing the course number. There are no other changes to this course other than the course number. Due to the urgent demand for critical thinking within the core, this course will be offered in 2014 as a part of the core.

**Motion:** Dr. Shield Lin moved and Ms. Mahalla Smith seconded the motion that the University Academic Council should approve the deletions of PHIL 3013, and the addition of PHIL 2303 proposed by the Division of Social Work, Behavioral and Political Science. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Dr. Gerardo Garcia, Assistant Professor in Languages and Communication presented the proposal to approve HUMA 1303 Introduction to Humanities. The Department of Languages & Communication proposed a minor in Humanities last year and it was approved by the UAC. Course HUMA 1303 would focus on multi-perspective assessment of cultural, political, philosophical, and aesthetic factors critical to the first iteration of the course would be on analyzing a great variety of artists including, writers, singers, and musicians.

**Motion:** Dr. Jennifer L. Erdely moved and Dr. Emmanuel Opara seconded the motion that the University Academic Council should approve the addition to Introduction to Humanities (HUMA 1303) to the inventory as proposed and be required for the minor in Humanities. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**Task Force 2 Update** – Department of Music and Theater Course Inventory Updates, Dr. Annette James, chair

Dr. Wendy Bergin, Assistant Professor in the Department of Music and Theater presented the proposal to the University Academic Council to change course name from MUSC 2411 Strings to MUSC 2411 String Instruments.

**Motion:** Dr. Cheryle Snead-Greene move and Dr. Angela Branch-Vital seconded the motion that the University Academic Council should approve the proposed change to course name from MUSC 2411 Strings to MUSC 2411 String Instruments. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**Task Force 3 Update** – School of Architecture Course Inventory Updates, Dr. Shield Lin, chair

Dr. Lin asked to table task force 3 updates until the next University Academic Council meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2013.

**Task Force 5 Update** – Procedures and template for Degree Program Request, Dr. Emmanuel Opara, chair

The table was opened for discussion and any suggestions that the task force needed to make. Dr. Opara was asked to make the suggested corrections and additions to the Degree Program Request Form and be ready to make his recommendation to the University Academic Council at the next meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2013.

### **III. New Task Force Assignments**

### **IV. Old Business**

No old business at this time.

### **V. New Business**

Please see the revised University Academic Council's meeting dates.

### **VI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Submitted by:

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