

# ***CURRICULUM AND NEW PROGRAMS***

**February 7, 2011**

**9:00 a.m.**

**ACAD 172**

## **A G E N D A**

### **1. Minutes**

### **2. New Business**

#### *Academic Affairs*

➤ **Honors Program and Academic Success Initiatives**

-Change in ASU 1200 Course Number and Title

ASU 1201 - Foundations of College Success

#### *College of Arts and Humanities*

➤ **History and Political Science**

-Change in Credit Hours – HIST 1002 *from 2 to 3* credit hours

-New Course – HIST 4820 – Special Topics in History

-New Course – POLS 2104 – Intro to Globalization

-New Course – POLS 2105 – Intro to Professional Legal Writing

-New Course – POLS 2106 – Intro to Legal Research

-New Course – POLS 4826 – Special Topics in Political Science

### **3. Other Items**

**Curriculum and New Programs Meeting Minutes  
February 7, 2011**

A meeting of the Curriculum and New Programs Committee was held on Monday, February 7, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Academic Administration Building, Room 172 with Dr. Abiodun Ojemakinde, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presiding. Those in attendance were Mrs. Mary L. Miles for Mrs. Arna Albritten, Dr. Deborah Bembry, Dr. Rhonda Bryant, Dr. Leroy Bynum, Professor Gwendolyn Campbell, Dr. Jonathan Elimimian, Dr. Babafemi Elufiede, Dr. Kimberly Fields, Dr. Linda Grimsley, Dr. James Hill, Dr. Joyce Johnson, Mrs. Rosalyn Jones, Dr. Kimberly King-Jupiter, Dr. LaVerne L. McLaughlin, Dr. Kathaleena Monds, Dr. Peter Ngwafu, Dr. Michael Rogers, Dr. Seyed Roosta, Mrs. Donna Cumbie for Dr. Ruth Salter, Dr. Marilyn Spearman, Dr. Cathy Williams and Dr. Louise Wrensford.

**Opening Remarks**

Dr. Ojemakinde greeted the committee members and distributed the agenda and minutes of the last meeting for review.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the November 29, 2010 meeting were reviewed. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved.

It was motioned and seconded that the proposal be approved. The motion was approved.

**New Business**

***Academic Affairs***

In the absence of Dr. Melvin Shelton, Dr. Ojemakinde asked Mrs. Rosalyn Jones to present the proposal to change the course description, title, credit hours and additional academic content for the ASU 1200 - Freshman Seminar Service course to Leaders ASU 1201-Foundations of College Success.

ASU 1201 Foundations of College Success

2 (2-0)

The rationale for the proposal is to align the course with the Board of Regents' new Core courses mandate to eliminate all courses that could be considered "orientation" courses in nature. The new course must contain substantially more academic content.

This course provides specific topics designed to address scholastic success, the value of education relative to self-potential, campus life, community citizenship, and leadership skills development. Components of the course focus on mastery study skills, writing skills, critical thinking skills, leadership skills, and ethics, health and global issues. The course also includes

lecture series with nationally and internationally recognized leaders and scholars for engaging and intellectually stimulating discourse.

It was moved and seconded to expedite approval of the proposal at the first reading. The motion was approved.

***College of Arts and Humanities***  
***History and Political Science***

Dr. Leroy Bynum asked Dr. Babafemi Elufiede to present the proposal to change the credit hours for HIST 1002 - Introduction to African Diaspora from (2) credit hours to (3) credit hours.

HIST 1002 - Introduction to African Diaspora 3 (3-0)

The rationale for the proposal is that HIST 1002 - Introduction to African Diaspora is a study of the peoples and cultures of African descent throughout the African Diaspora, especially in Africa, the Caribbean, South America and the United States. Particular emphasis is now being placed on the political, social and cultural institutions that have contributed to the development of African Diaspora peoples and cultures with (3) hour credit course.

After discussion, Dr. Elufiede will review the proposal for changes and make corrections. The proposal will be voted on at the next meeting.

Dr. Elufiede presented the proposal to add a new course HIST 4820 – Special Topics in History in the Department of History and Political Science.

HIST 4820 – Special Topics in History 3 (3-0)

The rationale for the proposal is that this course will consist of the presentation and examination of a wide range of historical topics to be drawn from the History Program's three subject areas: American History, European History, Non-Western History. An individual topic in one or more of these three areas will be chosen by one of the program's history instructors to be taught in the following semester. Professors will not be limited in their choice of topics but will be encouraged to select subjects not covered by the History Program's list of permanent courses. This course will be identified as Special Topics with its specific subject listed afterward. Since each of the Special Topics offerings will be unique, a student may take more than one Special Topics course if the subject is different. The choice of textbooks and other instructional material will, as always, rest with the professor.

The proposal will be voted on at the next meeting.

Dr. Elufiede presented the proposal to add a new course POLS 2104 – Introduction to Globalization in the Department of History and Political Science.

POLS 2104 – Introduction to Globalization

3 (3-0)

The rationale for the proposal is that as we enter the second decade of the twenty-first century, the world in which we live is defined by two intertwined trends; constant rapid change, and interdependence between different parts of the world. With this globalization comes the necessity for literacy about other societies, cultures, and countries and the common issues faced by the global community. The purpose of this course is to introduce students to a broad range of contemporary issues within the context of the high-velocity, interconnected world that blurs the lines of social, political, economic, and cultural boundaries.

The proposal will be voted on at the next meeting.

Dr. Elufiede presented the proposal to add a new course POLS 2105 – Introduction to Professional Legal Writing in the Department of History and Political Science.

POLS 2105 – Introduction to Professional Legal Writing 3 (3-0)

The rationale for this proposal is that this course will explore writing methods appropriate to the legal profession. It emphasizes close reading, logical thinking, cogent analysis and argument, and clear, exact language. Legal writing is not designed to teach substantive law, rather, the course provides an opportunity to develop skills in expository and argumentative writing. Students will develop strong legal writing skills including precision and clarity, legal citation and format, drafting of law office and trial memoranda, trial court briefs, appellate briefs, and abstracting depositions.

The proposal will be voted on at the next meeting.

Dr. Elufiede presented the proposal to add a new course POLS 2106 – Introduction to Legal Research in the Department of History and Political Science.

POLS 2106 – Introduction to Legal Research 3 (3-0)

The rationale for the proposal is that this course provides students with a practical understanding of the types of legal authority, including how to access and use them in print and online. Advantages and disadvantages of online and print resources will be covered as each type of authority is discussed. Methods for making research more efficient will also be discussed.

The proposal will be voted on at the next meeting.

Dr. Elufiede presented the proposal to add a new course POLS 4826 – Special Topics in Political Science in the Department of History and Political Science.

POLS 4826 – Special Topics in Political Science

3 (3-0)

The rationale for the proposal is that this course will consist of the examination of a wide range of Political Science topics drawn from the Academy's four subject areas: State & Local Government, History of Political Thought, International Relations, and Comparative Government. An individual topic in one or more of these four areas will be chosen by one of the program's Political Science instructors to be taught in the following semester. Professors will not be limited in their choice of topics but will be encouraged to select subjects not covered by the Political Science program's list of permanent courses. This course will be identified as Special Topics with its specific subject area listed afterward. Since each of the Special Topics offerings will be unique, a student may take more than one Special Topics course, if the subject is different. The choice of textbooks and other instructional material will, as always, rest with the professor.

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### **Other Items**

1. Dr. Ojemakinde provided an update on the Regents' Test Exemption Application. Dr. Ruth Salter is working on the Regents' Test Exemption Application and it may be ready by Fall 2011. Eighteen schools have been approved for the exemption.
2. Dr. Linda Grimsley briefly discussed improving registration. Her concern is that students paid early and were still dropped, reinstated and dropped again.

Dr. Ojemakinde responded to Dr. Grimsley by commenting that we needed to find a solution regarding a method for students to pay their fees and not be penalized and dropped. ASU is not set up to receive funds from students at anytime other than registration.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Dr. Abiodun Ojemakinde, Presiding  
Dr. LaVerne L. McLaughlin, Recorder