

Curriculum and New Programs Meeting Minutes March 12, 2012

A meeting of the Curriculum and New Programs Committee was held on Monday, March 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Academic Administration Building, Room 191, with Dr. Abiodun Ojemakinde, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presiding. Those in attendance were Dean Arna Albritten, Dr. Adansi Amankwaa, Dr. Deborah E. Bembry, Dr. Rhonda Bryant, Dr. Leroy Bynum, Professor Gwendolyn Campbell, Dr. Jonathan Elimimian, Dr. Babafemi Elufiede, Dr. Linda Grimsley, Mrs. Flo J. Hill, Dr. James Hill, Dr. Marcia Hood, Dr. Fidelis Ikem, Dr. Joyce Johnson, Dr. LaVerne L. McLaughlin, Dr. Kathaleena Monds, Dr. Peter Ngwafu, Dr. Charles Ochie, Dr. Michael Rogers, Dr. Seyed Roosta, Dr. Ruth Salter, Dr. Richard Williams and Dr. Louise Wrensford. Dr. Marilyn Spearman and Dr. Kimberly King-Jupiter were excused.

Opening Remarks

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

Minutes

The minutes of the February 6, 2012 meeting were reviewed. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved.

New Business

Academic Affairs

Dr. Ojemakinde asked Dr. Linda Grimsley to present the proposal for the Prior Learning Assessment Policy.

The rationale for the proposal is that the Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) meets regional and state needs for increased adult degree attainment and improved learning and employment outcomes for college graduates. The University System of Georgia (USG) has prioritized making college attainable for the "two-thirds of adult Georgians who lack a college degree" (USG, 2009). Moreover, the Governor's Office, Economic Development Regions, and the Alliance of Education Agency Heads note that making college assessable to adult learners improves the economy and vibrancy of our local and state communities (USG, 2009). Albany State wishes to enhance its accessibility for the nontraditional student population using Prior Learning Assessment.

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

College of Arts and Humanities Behavioral Sciences

Dr. Ojemakinde asked Dr. Adansi Amankwaa to present the proposal to change the minimum GPA from 2.0 to 2.5 in the Psychology Program.

The rationale for the proposal is that this change is to improve upon standards in the program and also enhance our student's chances for graduate school admission. This proposal is designed to raise the minimum GPA admission and graduation requirement in Psychology Program from 2.0 to 2.5.

It was recommended by the committee to leave the GPA at 2.0 and raise the graduation GPA to 2.25. Dr. Amankwaa will make the changes for the second reading.

The proposal will be voted on at the next meeting.

Learning Support

Mrs. Flo Hill presented the proposal to revise the course ENGL 0099 – Basic English.

The rationale for the proposal is that this course is designed to reinforce and refine the grammatical and mechanical skills of students. It serves as a review of the basic principles of English usage including fundamentals of sentence patterns, grammar, punctuation, and as an introduction to writing of well-developed paragraphs and full-length essays. This course is a re-design from ENGL 0098 and ENGL 0099, which were originally a part of the Learning Support English curriculum. ENGL 0099 is a four-hour, non-credit course that, upon completion, should enable the student to write effectively and develop requisite skills for entrance into ENGL 1101. Students will have two attempts to exit ENGL 0099 – Basic English and three attempts to exit MATH 0097.

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

Mrs. Hill presented the proposal to revise the course READ 0099 – Developmental Reading.

The rationale for the proposal is that this course is designed to strengthen and refine those reading skills which will promote optimal use of college level materials and resources, including various technologies. Particular attention will be given to helping students develop interpretative reading comprehension skills, critical reading- thinking skills, general and technical vocabulary skills and reading rate. This course is a re-design from the two courses READ 0098 and READ 0099 originally a part of the Learning Support reading curriculum. Students will have two attempts to exit READ 0099 – Basic English and three attempts to exit MATH 0097.

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

Other Items

1. Dr. Ojemakinde asked Dr. Grimsley and Mrs. Hill to be prepared to present their

proposals at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

2. Dr. Ojemakinde reiterated to the committee on the Criteria and Procedures for developing new proposals without restrictions using the two tier system: 1) the Program Prospectus and 2) a Formal Proposal. All proposals should be developed in general with justification for need. Collaboration should be considered with other schools in the system. Dr. Ojemakinde asked that we pay attention to collaboration with other USG schools and Technical Colleges. Every proposal will be sent to the Technical Colleges to check for duplication of programs. There must be consideration for collaboration with the use of technology. A question on the prospectus proposal asks for collaboration with other schools, if so, how, and if not, why.

WEB MBA is a consortia of six schools of which programs are completely online; collaboration with schools who are offering the same programs through the use of technology is recommended.

Dr. Ojemakinde confirmed that both the prospectus and the formal proposal will be reviewed through the Curriculum and New Programs Committee, Faculty Senate and then sent to the Board of Regents.

3. Dr. Ojemakinde encouraged all of the committee to attend the Memorial Service for Mrs. Jo Neal Freeman Monday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the ACAD Auditorium. He also asked that faculty and staff use the alternate parking lot to assist in accommodating special guests during the memorial time. Cameras will be set up in old Graduate School Office for you to give your expressions of condolences. Please limit expressions to two minutes.
4. Dr. Ojemakinde informed the committee that the Honor's Day Convocation is scheduled on Friday, March 23, 2012. All classes will be suspended from 10:00 a.m. thru 12:00 p.m. He asked the faculty to repeatedly announce the convocation to their classes now until Thursday, March 22, 2012. Also, the Honors Day Committee requests that faculty and administrators wear academic regalia to grace the occasion. Therefore, faculty and administrators are requested to line up in HPER Atrium at 9:40 a.m. for procession at 9:50 a.m. This is not mandatory.
5. Dr. Richard Williams announced that the HPER Club will be hosting a Health Fair with Taking Time and Phoebe on Wednesday, March 13, 2012 in HPER Atrium at 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The HPER Club will also have a Blood Drive in HPER Gym on March 14, 2012.

6. Dr. James Hill asked Dr. Ojemakinde for the summer school hours and if teaching faculty's payment would increase from 8 to 10%. Dr. Ojemakinde informed Dr. Hill that the summer school hours would remain the same, and he will contact Mr. Larry Wakefield in regards to the faculty payment.

7. Dr. Hill invited the committee to a book signing with Rebecca Walker Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the ACAD Auditorium. Ms. Walker is the daughter of American author and poet Alice Walker.
8. Dr. Kimberly Fields announced that the College of Education will host a Brown Bag Luncheon at noon in ACAD Room 141. She, Dr. Kimberly King-Jupiter and Dr. Ganiyu Oladunjoye will share their experiences and opportunities from their recent trip to Africa.
9. Dr. Seyed Roosta announced the Math Tournament on March 16, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
10. Dr. Kathaleena Monds informed the committee of the UPS Professional Instructional Finance workshop on Monday, March 19, 2012.
11. Career Fair will be held March 22, 2012.
12. Campus visitation will be held on March 24, 2012.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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