

**Academic Council Minutes**  
**The University of Southern Mississippi**  
**September 8, 2003**

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on September 8, 2003, in R.C. Cook Union Room C, with Dr. Tim Rehner, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Patsy Anderson, Dr. Patricia Biesiot, Dr. Cynthia Chatham, Dr. James Crockett, Dr. David Duhon, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Dr. Diane Fisher, Dr. Margot Hall, Dr. Stephen Judd, Dr. Mark Klinedinst, Dr. Jameela Lares, Dr. Mary Lux, Dr. Thomas Lytle, Mr. Wilbur Moreland, Dr. Ras Pandey, Dr. Bill Powell, Dr. Tim Rehner, Dr. Thelma Roberson, Dr. Dana Thames, Dr. Ben Velasquez, Ms. Kathleen Wells, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following non-voting members were present: Dr. Harold Doty, Dr. Jane Hudson for Dr. Joan Exline, Mr. Greg Pierce, and Dr. Elliott Pood.

The following guests were present: Ms. Donna Fielder, Ms. Nancy Kaul, Dr. Frank Kuhn, Ms. Dawn Porter, and Dr. Charles Tardy.

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. with Dr. Rehner presiding. Dr. Rehner requested that Ms. Nancy Kaul serve as the Council's parliamentarian.
- 2.0 Dr. Rehner presented the agenda for approval. Mr. Moreland moved and Dr. Velasquez seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed.
- 3.0 Dr. Rehner presented the May 5, 2003 minutes for approval. Dr. Biesiot stated that the last paragraph under Academic Probation and Suspension should read as follows:

**All changes regarding Administrative Withdrawal, Probation, Probation Continued, and Suspension will be brought before Academic Council in the fall of 2003.**

Dr. Velasquez moved and Dr. Thames seconded a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed.

- 4.0 Course Proposals
  - 4.1 Old "course" business
    - College of Arts and Letters**  
*Department of Political Science*  
PLS 490 remained tabled, as there was not a representative from the department present.
    - College of Science and Technology**  
*Department of Computer Science and Statistics*  
CSS 309 remained tabled, as there was not a representative from the department present.
  - 4.2 New "course" business

## **College of Health**

### *Center for Community Health*

Dr. Velasquez moved and Dr. Biesiot seconded a motion to accept the modification of HHS 100 and HHS 101 as a group. The motion passed.

Dr. Rehner requested that the minutes reflect discussion on the modification of the course proposal form.

## **College of Education and Psychology**

### *Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education*

Dr. Thames represented the Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education and explained the additions, deletions, and modifications of SPE and CIR courses listed below.

Dr. Duhon moved and Mr. Moreland seconded a motion to add SPE 401, SPE 403, and SPE 470 as a group. The motion passed.

Dr. Powell moved and Mr. Moreland seconded a motion to add CIR 491. The motion passed.

Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Hall seconded a motion to add SPE 331. The motion passed.

Dr. Duhon moved and Dr. Powell seconded a motion to delete SPE 351. The motion passed.

Dr. Velasquez moved and Dr. Evans seconded a motion to modify SPE 342, SPE 431, and SPE 442 as a group. The motion passed. Dr. Anderson moved and Dr. Hall seconded a motion to accept the modifications for SPE 342, SPE 431, and SPE 442. The motion passed.

## 5.0 Old Business

### Probation/Suspension policy

Dr. Rehner stated that there have been some concerns across campus about the immediate suspension policy following a term GPA of .500. The discussion questioned the following:

- 1) The impact of this policy in terms of numbers affected.
- 2) Whether suspensions should follow if courses were taken in the summer and if the policy should differ for courses taken in the fall or spring.
- 3) Should the suspension follow if students were only enrolled for one course? Non-voting members suggested that USM had a responsibility to educate citizens of Southern Mississippi.

After some discussion, Dr. Rehner noted that Council needed to discuss issues related to remediation and suspension policies separately. The Academic Standards committee will review the .500 GPA as it is related to the suspension policy.

## 6.0 New Business

### 6.1 Council Membership

Dr. Rehner stated that members should have received an email that had a roster of all voting and non-voting members of Academic Council. Corrections were requested so changes could be made. Dr. Rehner distributed copies of the committee assignments. As Chair of the Academic Council, Dr. Rehner asked that Council accept Dr. Mark Klinedinst, College of Business and Economic Development and Dr. Diane Fisher, Education and Psychology as Academic Council members for the 2003-2004 year. Dr. Hall moved and Dr. Biesiot seconded the motion to accept Dr. Klinedinst and Dr. Fisher as one-year appointments to Council. The motion passed.

#### 6.2 Writing intensive courses and oral component

Dr. Rehner stated that all should have received the latest official copy of the eGEC document dated February 4, 2003. The discussion focused on the oral communication component that was embedded within the description of the writing intensive requirement. After reviewing the minutes from last year's April 7, 2003 meeting, the only thing actually found in the minutes was the motion to change the sentence in the original document that would have dropped the oral communication component from the upper level writing intensive courses with the exception of the Senior Capstone Experience however, the motion was defeated. Members questioned whether the oral communication piece had to be included as part of writing intensive courses. Dr. Rehner suggested that the editing that was done in the spring of last year failed to remove the phrase "... *in formal public speeches delivered in upper level writing intensive courses...*" from within the description of the writing intensives. Additionally, it was noted that reference to "these courses" in the following sentence of the eGEC text should have been removed in the editing process because they also referred to the sophomore and junior seminars. Alternately, some thought the reference to oral communication had been left in the document to encourage people to use oral communication as a major part of the writing intensive courses. Dr. Duhon moved and Dr. Fisher seconded a motion to modify the statement in question to read as follows:

**To satisfy the General Education Curriculum requirement that students develop mature speaking skills, students speak in course discussions and, more importantly, in formal public speeches delivered in the Senior Capstone Experience.** After additional discussion Dr. Duhon withdrew his motion and Dr. Rehner suggested that the General Education Committee review the eGEC document and bring a recommendation to the Council.

Dr. Biesiot moved and Dr. Powell seconded a motion to table discussion on this issue. The motion passed.

#### 6.3 College cores defined in 03-04 bulletin for colleges that do not exist

Dr. Rehner was concerned about what to do about printed bulletin requirements for students in cases where colleges no longer existed. Suggestions were to advise students to disregard what was in the 03-04 bulletin or to claim a different year's catalog. Advisors should encourage students to take courses that they need.

#### 6.4 Academic standards regarding: Thursday schedules for fall 2003

Dr. Rehner expressed concern regarding the decreased number of Thursday courses and fall exam minutes. Mr. Pierce explained the number of exam minutes was altered to give faculty more time to review and grade their exams. This was made possible by a change in IHL policy. Mr. Pierce stated that the goal of reducing the exam times was to lower the percentage of missing grades from faculty each semester that in turn

create problems for Registrar's Office compiling the President's list, Dean's list, Probation, Probation Continued, Suspension, Posting degrees, and Financial Aid processes. Mr. Pierce provided Academic Council the opportunity to alter the exam schedule. Council elected not to alter the current schedule for fall 2003. Dr. Rehner expressed concern with administrative procedures related to grades affecting academic/instructional minutes. There was no action taken regarding the 2003-2004 exam schedule.

#### 7.0 Other business

Dr. Velasquez presented Dr. Lares with a plaque for her hard work as Corresponding Secretary for the Academic Council for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Dr. Rehner informed Council that the Provost will speak at the November 2003 meeting. If anyone has suggestions or issues that they would like the Provost to address, email them to him (Dr. Rehner) and he will forward them to the Provost.

#### 8.0 Committee assignments

Dr. Rehner distributed folders to Chairs of all the subcommittees. Chairs of each subcommittee will contact members for meeting times and agendas.

#### 9.0 Adjournment

As there was no further business, Dr. Rehner adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. in the Union, Room C.

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Greg Pierce, Recording Secretary

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Tim Rehner, Chair

### **ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY September 8, 2003**

College of Arts and Letters  
*Department of Political Science*

**Tabled:**

**PLS 490**

**Paralegal Competence and**

**Professionalism.**

College of Science and Technology  
*Department of Computer Science and Statistics*

**Tabled:** CSS 309

**Computer Issues for Law Enforcement.**

College of Health  
*Center for Community Health*

Modify: HHS 100

Concepts of Wellness.  
Three hours.

To: COH 100

Concepts of Wellness.  
Three hours. Effective fall 2003.

College of Education and Psychology  
*Curriculum, Instruction, and Special Education*

Add: CIR 491

Reading Conference. Three hours. Effective spring 2004.

Add: SPE 331

Practicum in Academic Instruction. One hour. Effective spring 2004.

Add: SPE 401

Systematic Interventions for Challenging Behaviors. Three hours. Effective spring 2004.

Add: SPE 403

Assessment of Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities. Three hours. Effective spring 2004.

Add: SPE 470

Legal Aspects of Special Education. Three hours. Effective spring 2004.

Delete: SPE 351

Practicum in Classroom Management. Effective spring 2004.

Modify: SPE 342

Practicum for Transitional Policies.

To:	SPE 342	<u>Practicum for Life/Functional Skills.</u> Effective fall 2003.
Modify:	SPE 431	<u>Programming for Elementary Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities.</u>
To:	SPE 431	<u>Academic Instruction.</u> Effective fall 2003.
Modify:	SPE 442	<u>Intervention and Transition Policies for Mild Moderate Secondary Education.</u>
To:	SPE 442	<u>Instruction of Life/Functional Skills.</u> Effective fall 2003.

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The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on October 6, 2003, in R.C. Cook Union Room C, with Dr. Tim Rehner, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Patsy Anderson, Dr. Patricia Biesiot, Dr. Cynthia Chatham, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Dr. Diane Fisher, Dr. Margaret Hall, Dr. Stephen Judd, Dr. Mark Klinedinst, Dr. Jameela Lares, Dr. Mary Lux, Dr. Thomas Lytle, Mr. Wilbur Moreland, Dr. Ras Pandey, Dr. Bill Powell, Dr. Tim Rehner, Dr. Ben Velasquez for Dr. Dana Thames, Dr. Ben Velasquez, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following non-voting members were present: Dr. Jane Hudson for Dr. Joan Exline, Ms. Nancy Kaul, and Mr. Greg Pierce.

The following guests were present: Dr. Brigitte Burgess, LTC Kevin Dougherty, Ms. Donna Fielder, Mr. Desmond Fletcher, Dr. Elizabeth Haynes, Dr. Shelton Houston, Dr. Tony Lewis, Ms. Gail Lucas, Mr. Geoff Mitchell, Ms. Dawn Porter, Ms. Sheri L. Rawls, Dr. Judith Roberts, MAJ. Robert Sybert, and Ms. Joan Traylor.

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. with Dr. Rehner presiding. Dr. Rehner asked that all present make sure that they have signed the sign-in sheet. Along with the agenda was a memo with friendly suggestions for some of the courses presented. Dr. Rehner stated that he and several others have been working to revise forms. Hopefully, these forms will be ready for all to view and comment on by the next Academic Council meeting. Dr. Rehner wanted faculty to let him know if they were not receiving mail-outs or any other material for council meetings.

2.0 Adoption of the Agenda

Dr. Rehner presented the agenda for approval. Dr. Rehner stated that the Department of Human Performance and Recreation requested that HPR 239 be removed from the agenda. He also stated that Art Education requested that ARE 452, 453, 454, 483, and 492 be removed as well. He then requested that a modification to an academic area for Foreign Language Licensure be added to the agenda. Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Velasquez seconded a motion to approve the agenda as modified. The motion passed.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes

Dr. Rehner presented the September 8, 2003 minutes for approval. He asked that *Center for Community Health* under 4.2 and on the summary page be deleted. He also asked that the modification of HHS 101 to COH 101 be added to the summary page. Dr. Judd moved and Dr. Powell seconded a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed.

**Modify:**      **HHS 101**                      **Diversity and Social Justice.**

**To:**              **COH 101**                      **Diversity and Social Justice.**  
**Effective fall 2003.**

4.0 Course Proposals

- 4.1 Old “course” business  
**College of Arts and Letters**  
*Department of Political Science*  
Ms. Gail Lucas presented PLS 490. Mr. Moreland moved and Dr. Lares seconded a motion to add PLS 490. The motion passed.
- 4.2 New “course” business  
**College of Arts and Letters**  
*Center for Fashion Merchandising and Interior Design*  
Ms. Joan Traylor presented the FMA courses. Dr. Biesiot moved and Dr. Lares seconded a motion to modify FMA 222, 331, and 337 as a group. The motion passed. Dr. Velasquez moved and Dr. Hall seconded a motion to modify FMA 222, 331, and 337. The motion passed.
- Mr. Moreland moved and Dr. Judd seconded a motion to add FMA 438. The motion passed.
- Dr. Powell moved and Dr. Velasquez seconded a motion to change the FMA prefix to FM for all Fashion Merchandising courses. The motion passed.
- Department of Art*  
Dr. Lewis presented the ART courses. Dr. Hall moved and Dr. Lares seconded a motion to modify ART 448, 458, and 468 as a group. The motion passed.
- Dr. Velasquez moved and Dr. Hall seconded a motion to add ART 410. The motion passed.
- Dr. Hall moved and Dr. Biesiot seconded a motion to delete ART 437. The motion passed.
- Mr. Moreland moved and Dr. Powell seconded a motion to add ART 437. The motion passed.
- Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Fisher seconded a motion to delete ART 410. The motion passed.
- Dr. Velasquez moved and Mr. Moreland seconded a motion to add ART 493. The motion passed.

*Department of Foreign Language*  
Mr. Geoff Mitchell presented POR 200. Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Evans seconded a motion to add POR 200. The motion passed.



Dr. Powell presented the modification to an academic area for Foreign Language licensure. Dr. Hall moved and Dr. Lares seconded a motion to modify the licensure program in Foreign Languages as follows:

- 1) Raise the number of language course hours from 27 to 30 for the major in Foreign Language licensure.
  - 2) Require licensure students to take the nationally-recognized American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI).
  - 3) Drop the German program of licensure.
- The motion passed.

*Department of Military Science*

LTC Dougherty presented the addition of MSL 101 and MSL 102. Mr. Moreland moved and Dr. Lares seconded a motion to table the addition of MSL 101 and MSL 102 due to no additional courses being added to the General Education Curriculum (GEC). The motion passed.

4.3 **College of Education and Psychology**

*School of Library and Information Science*

Dr. Haynes presented LIS 406. Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Lux seconded a motion to modify LIS 406. The motion passed.

4.4 **College of Health**

*School of Social Work*

Dr. Rehner presented SWK 410. Mr. Moreland moved and Dr. Evans seconded a motion to add SWK 410. The motion passed.

*Department of Medical Technology*

Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Lux seconded a motion to delete MTC 103 and MTC 461. The motion passed.

*School of Health Performance and Recreation*

Dr. Hudson presented the HPR courses.

Dr. Hall moved and Dr. Judd seconded a motion to add HPR 352. The motion passed.

Dr. Hall moved and Dr. Lares seconded a motion to accept the modification of HPR 345, 424, and 452 as a group. The motion passed. Dr. Judd moved and Dr. Fisher seconded a motion to approve the modification of HPR 345, 424, and 452. The motion passed.

*Center for Community Health*

Dr. Hall moved and Dr. Biesiot seconded a motion to add CHS 485. The motion passed.

4.5 **College of Science and Technology**

*School of Engineering Technology*

Dr. Houston presented the SET courses.

Dr. Velasquez moved and Dr. Powell seconded a motion to modify SET 100 and SET 483 as a group. The motion passed.  
Dr. Hall moved and Dr. Lares seconded a motion to modify SET 100 and SET 483. The motion passed.  
Dr. Velasquez moved and Dr. Lares seconded a motion to add SET 241, 242, and 363 as a group. The motion passed.  
Dr. Evans moved and Dr. Biesiot seconded a motion to add SET 241, 242, and 363. The motion passed.

Mr. Fletcher presented the ACT, BCT, and CET courses.  
Dr. Judd moved and Dr. Hall seconded a motion to modify ACT 132L, 234, 235L, 261L, 262, 262L, 338, 363, 363L, 364, 364L, and 465L as a group. The motion passed.  
Dr. Hall moved and Dr. Lares seconded a motion to modify ACT 132L, 234, 235L, 261L, 262, 262L, 338, 363, 363L, 364, 364L, and 465L. The motion passed.  
Mr. Moreland moved and Dr. Lux seconded a motion to add ACT 232 and ACT 232L as a group. The motion passed.  
Dr. Velasquez moved and Dr. Powell seconded a motion to add ACT 232 and ACT 232L. The motion passed.  
Dr. Velasquez moved and Mr. Moreland seconded a motion to delete ACT 343. The motion passed.  
Dr. Velasquez moved and Dr. Judd seconded a motion to modify BCT 101, and BCT 336L as a group. The motion passed.  
Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Biesiot seconded a motion to modify BCT 101, and BCT 336L. The motion passed.  
Mr. Moreland moved and Dr. Velasquez seconded a motion to add BCT 496. The motion passed.  
Dr. Velasquez moved and Dr. Lares seconded a motion to add CET 450 and CET 450L as a group. The motion passed.  
Dr. Powell moved and Dr. Biesiot seconded a motion to add CET 450 and CET 450L. The motion passed.  
Mr. Moreland moved and Dr. Lux seconded a motion to delete CET 485. The motion passed.

Dr. Velasquez moved and Dr. Biesiot seconded a motion to modify requirements of Architectural Engineering Technology (ACT) Minor and Construction Engineering Technology (BCT) Minor. The motion passed.

*Department of Coastal Sciences*

Dr. Lytle presented the COA courses.  
Dr. Anderson moved and Dr. Powell seconded a motion to add COA 490. The motion passed.  
Dr. Fisher moved and Dr. Velasquez seconded a motion to delete COA 491. The motion passed.  
Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Lux seconded a motion to table the addition of COA 448. The motion passed.

- 5.0 Dr. Rehner stated that a called meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2003 in the Union Room H at 3:30 p.m. to discuss the following issues.  
1) Exam schedule

- 2) Writing intensive courses and oral component
- 3) Probation/Suspension policy
- 4) Thursday schedules for fall 2003
- 5) Status of Core – Is the Core frozen?
- 6) Process for approving PEC course

6.0 Adjournment

As there was no further business, Dr. Rehner adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. in the Union, Room B.

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Greg Pierce, Recording Secretary

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Tim Rehner, Chair

College of Arts and Letters  
*Department of Political Science*

Add: PLS 490 Advanced Paralegalism.  
Three hours. Effective  
spring 2004.

*Center for Fashion Merchandising and Interior Design*

Modify: FMA 222 Fashion Presentations.

To: FMA 222 Professional Presentations.  
Effective spring 2004.

Modify: FMA 331 Evaluating Apparel  
Construction.

To: FMA 331 Evaluating Fashion and  
Apparel. Effective  
spring 2004.

Modify: FMA 337 Evaluation Fashion  
Merchandise.

To: FMA 337 Fashion Promotion and  
Analysis. Effective  
spring 2004.

Add: FMA 438 Entrepreneurship in Apparel  
And Interiors. Three hours.  
Effective fall 2004.

Proposal: Name Change Fashion Merchandising  
Apparel.

To: Fashion Merchandising.

**(Effective upon final approval by Provost, President, and IHL. See Guidelines for Proposals page 15.)**

*Department of Art*

Modify: ART 448 Graphic Communication

		<u>Project.</u> Three-six hours.
To:	ART 448	<u>Graphic Communication Project.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.
Modify:	ART 458	<u>Ceramics Project.</u> Three-six hours.
To:	ART 458	<u>Ceramics Project.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.
Modify:	ART 468	<u>Sculpture Project.</u> Three-six hours.
To:	ART 468	<u>Sculpture Project.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.
Delete:	ART 410	<u>Art 1900-1940.</u> Effective fall 2004.
Delete:	ART 437	<u>The Historiography and Methodologies of Art History.</u> Effective fall 2004.
Add:	ART 410	<u>The Historiography and Methodologies of Art History.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.
Add:	ART 437	<u>Art 1990-1940.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.
Add:	ART 493	<u>Special Problems-Non-Studio.</u> Three hours. Effective spring 2004.

*Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures*

Add:	POR 200	<u>Portuguese for Spanish</u>
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Speakers. Three hours.  
Effective fall 2004.

- Modify: Licensure program in Foreign Languages as follows:
- 1) Raise the number of language course hours from 27 to 30 for the major in foreign language licensure.
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- Effective fall 2004.

*Department of Military Science*

**Tabled:** MSL 101 **Foundations of Officership.**

**Tabled:** MSL 102 **Basic Leadership.**

College of Education and Psychology  
*School of Library and Information Science*

Modify: LIS 406 Advanced Cataloging and Classification.

To: LIS 406 Advanced Cataloging and Classification. On-line correspondence format.  
Effective spring 2004.

College of Health  
*School of Social Work*

Add: SWK 410 Social Work Theory and Best Practice. Three hours.  
Effective spring 2004.

*Department of Medical Technology*

Delete: MTC 103 The Internet and Medicine.  
Effective spring 2004.

Delete: MTC 461 Oncology. Effective spring 2004.

*School of Health Performance and Recreation*

Modify: HPR 345 Camp Counseling.

Administration & Operation.

To:	HPR 345	<u>Camp Management.</u> Effective spring 2004.
Modify:	HPR 424	<u>Community Recreation Resources, Services, &amp; Organizations.</u>
To:	HPR 424	<u>Community Recreation Resources.</u> Effective spring 2004.
Modify:	HPR 452	<u>Gerontology &amp; Therapeutic Recreation.</u>
To:	HPR 452	<u>Recreation Programs for Older Adults.</u> Effective spring 2004.
Add:	HPR 352	<u>Therapeutic Recreation Areas of Practice.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.

*Center for Community Health*

Add:	CHS 485	<u>Health Promotion Senior Seminar.</u> Three hours. Effective spring 2004.
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College of Science and Technology  
*School of Engineering Technology*

Modify:	SET 100	<u>PC Hardware I.</u> One hour.
To:	SET 100	<u>PC Hardware I.</u> Two hours. Effective spring 2004.
Modify:	SET 483	<u>Windows Networking.</u>
To:	SET 483	<u>Windows Client Networking.</u> Effective spring 2004.
Modify:	ACT 132L	<u>ACT Lab.</u>
To:	ACT 132L	<u>Arch Graphics Lab.</u> Effective spring 2004.
Modify:	ACT 234	<u>Architectural CADD.</u> One hour.

To:	ACT 234	<u>Architectural CADD.</u> Two hours. Effective spring 2004.
Modify:	ACT 235L	<u>ACT Wkg Dwg I Lab.</u>
To:	ACT 235L	<u>Arch Wkg Dwg I Lab.</u> Effective spring 2004.
Modify:	ACT 261L	<u>ACT Lab.</u>
To:	ACT 261L	<u>Res Planning Lab.</u> Effective spring 2004.
Modify:	ACT 262	<u>ACT Design I.</u>
To:	ACT 262	<u>Arch Design I.</u> Effective spring 2004.
Modify:	ACT 262L	<u>ACT Lab.</u>
To:	ACT 262L	<u>Arch Design I Lab.</u> Effective spring 2004.
Modify:	ACT 338	<u>Arch Wkg Draw III.</u>
To:	ACT 338	<u>Arch Wkg Dwg III.</u> Effective spring 2004.
Modify:	ACT 363	<u>ACT Design II.</u>
To:	ACT 363	<u>Arch Design II.</u> Effective spring 2004.
Modify:	ACT 363L	<u>ACT Design II Lab.</u>
To:	ACT 363L	<u>Arch Design II Lab.</u> Effective spring 2004.
Modify:	ACT 364	<u>ACT Design III.</u>
To:	ACT 364	<u>Arch Design III.</u> Effective spring 2004.
Modify:	ACT 364L	<u>ACT Design III Lab.</u>
To:	ACT 364L	<u>Arch Design III Lab.</u> Effective spring 2004.
Modify:	ACT 465L	<u>ACT Des IV Lab.</u>
To:	ACT 465L	<u>Arch Design IV Lab.</u> Effective



spring 2004.

Add:	ACT 232	<u>Visual Studies</u> . Two hours. Effective spring 2004.
Add:	ACT 232L	<u>Visual Studies Lab</u> . One hour. Effective spring 2004.
Delete:	ACT 343	<u>Structural Design</u> . Effective spring 2004.
Modify:	BCT 101	<u>Const. Practices</u> .
To:	BCT 101	<u>Const Prac &amp; Ethics</u> . Effective spring 2004.
Modify:	BCT 336L	<u>BCT Systems II Lab</u> .
To:	BCT 336L	<u>Bldg Systems II Lab</u> . Effective spring 2004.
Add:	BCT 496	<u>Construction Internship</u> . Three hours. Effective spring 2004.
Add:	CET 450	<u>Data Acquisition</u> . Two hours. Effective spring 2004.
Add:	CET 450L	<u>Data Acquisition Lab</u> . One hour. Effective spring 2004.
Delete:	CET 485	<u>NOS Server Administration</u> . Effective fall 2004.
Add:	SET 241	<u>Networking Security I</u> . Three hours. Effective spring 2004.
Add:	SET 242	<u>Networking Security II</u> . Three hours. Effective spring 2004.
Add:	SET 363	<u>Telecommunication Systems</u> . Three hours. Effective spring 2004.
Modify:	ACT Minor	The requirements for a minor in Architectural Engineering Technology are ACT 132/L,

ACT 204, ACT 322, and nine (9) hours of Architectural Engineering Technology electives (recommended courses are ACT 315, ACT 316, and ACT 325).

To: ACT Minor The requirements for a minor in Architectural Engineering Technology are ACT 234/L, ACT 235/L, ACT 336/L, and nine (9) additional hours of Architectural Engineering Technology electives not required by the student's major (recommended courses are ACT 262/L, ACT 363/L, and ACT 426). Effective spring 2004.

Modify: BCT Minor The requirements for a minor in Construction Engineering Technology are ACT 132/L, ACT 204, ACT 235/L, and nine (9) hours of Construction Engineering Technology electives (recommended courses are BCT 336/L, BCT 454L, and BCT 458/L).

To: BCT Minor The requirements for a minor in Construction Engineering Technology are BCT 235/L, BCT 336/L, BCT 458/L, and nine (9) additional hours of Construction Engineering Technology electives not required by the student's major (recommended courses are BCT 455/L, BCT 480, and BCT 486/L). Effective spring 2004.

*Department of Coastal Sciences*

Delete: COA 491 Special Topics in Coastal

Sciences. Effective fall 2004.

Add: COA 490

Special Topics in Coastal  
Sciences. One-six hours.  
Effective fall 2004

**Tabled: COA 448**

**Barrier Island Ecology.**

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The following guests were present: Ms. Donna Fielder, Ms. Dawn Porter, and Dr. Charles H. Tardy.

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. with Dr. Rehner presiding. Dr. Rehner thanked all for coming to this called meeting. Dr. Rehner stated that the minutes from the October 6, 2003 meeting will be reviewed at the November 3, 2003 meeting. Dr. Rehner informed the Council of a course renumbering change in the General Education Curriculum. He stated that DAN 107 was renumbered to DAN 130 last October. He asked that members notify their colleges of this change.

Dr. Evans stated that CHE 104 should reflect the title of Chemistry in our Environment as opposed to the title of Principals and Applications, which is currently in the 2003-2004 bulletin.

2.0 Adoption of the Agenda

Dr. Rehner presented the agenda for approval. Dr. Evans moved and Dr. Hall seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Exam Schedule for 2003/2004

Dr. Rehner revisited the fall 2003 and spring 2004 exam schedule. Mr. Pierce explained the number of exam minutes was altered to give faculty more time to review and grade their exams. Mr. Pierce stated that the old exam schedule could be reinstated for the spring 2004 term. Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Biesiot seconded a motion to go back to the old exam schedule starting spring 2004. The motion passed.

3.2 Writing Intensive Courses and Oral Component

Dr. Young, Chair of the General Education Committee, presented council with an updated version of the GEC document. The committee felt that placing the oral communication requirement onto all writing intensive courses placed a burden on some programs.

The committee suggests that an oral communication component should remain in the Senior Capstone course, but students must take one other course, perhaps in their major or minor, or in Speech Communication. Each program must report how their students are meeting the oral communication requirement. At least one of the courses, however, must include traditional public speaking with two graded speeches. After discussion suggestions were made to modify the draft version of the GEC document as follows:

Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Powell seconded a motion to replace the language now existing with language as follows in the last sentence of the proposed new text.

**FROM:** *The speaking components in those classes teach clarity of presentation, ideas, and voice, as well as professionalism, and rhetorical grace and precision.*

**TO:** *The oral communication components of these courses should teach rhetorical reasoning, audience adaptation, professionalism, and presentation skills including clarity of expression ideas and voice as well as prepare students to be critical consumers of public discourse.*

The motion passed.

Dr. Lux moved and Dr. Velasquez seconded a motion to replace the paragraph under Oral Communication Requirement with the previously voted on paragraph. The motion passed. This is effective for the fall 2004 term.

Dr. Hall moved and Ms. Wells seconded a motion to make the following changes on page two of the document.

**FROM:** I. Written and Oral Communication: 9 hours

**TO:** I. Written and Oral Communication: 8-12 hours  
(at least 4 courses)

Also, change the last sentence under **Writing Requirement** as follows:

The writing requirement can be met through this successful completion of the following courses:

English 101

English 102

Senior Capstone Experience and one upper level writing intensive course

In the proposed new text paragraph, SCM 303 needs to be changed to SCM 330.

- 3.3 Probation/suspension policy  
No action. This issue will be discussed at the November 3, 2003 meeting.
- 4.0 New Business
  - 4.1 Thursday Schedules for 2003/2004  
There are concerns about extra curricular activities interfering with Thursday classes.

Mr. Pierce stated that fall break was proposed by Student Government and endorsed by Faculty Senate. The Calendar Committee met to implement a fall break. The original proposed dates for fall break were Monday and Tuesday. Due to events already scheduled for Honors Forum and College of Arts and Letters, Monday and Tuesday fall break was not feasible. There was discussion regarding the impact football games, fall break, and Thanksgiving holidays have on Thursday classes. Dr. Rehner stated that this issue could be discussed during the November 3, 2003 meeting with the Provost in attendance.

4.2 Status of the Core

Dr. Young continued her report for the General Education Committee. The committee proposes that they come up with a plan to be implemented over the next several years to strengthen the Core by adding sophomore and junior seminars. The intent is to bring the Core back to its original content. The Core, as it is now, is not considered ideal. Beyond the plan to strengthen the Core, we consider the Core frozen for five years in order to have time for students to go through the entire programs and graduate before the Core can be adequately assessed. Dr. Young moved and Dr. Lares seconded a motion stating that the courses in the Core be frozen for five (5) years in order to assess the Core. Dr. Lares made an amendment as follows: The courses in the Core are frozen for five years in order to assess the impact of the Core on a graduating class. The motion passed.

4.3 Approval Process for PEC Courses

No action. This issue will be discussed at the November 3, 2003 meeting.

5.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

6.0 Adjournment

As there was no further business, Dr. Rehner adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. in the Union, Room B.

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Greg Pierce, Recording Secretary

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Tim Rehner, Chair

**Academic Council Minutes**  
**The University of Southern Mississippi**  
**November 3, 2003**

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on November 3, 2003, in R.C. Cook Union Room H, with Dr. Tim Rehner, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Patsy Anderson, Dr. Patricia Biesiot, Dr. Cynthia Chatham, Dr. David Duhon, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Dr. Diane Fisher, Dr. Margaret Hall, Dr. Stephen Judd, Dr. John Koepfel, Dr. Jameela Lares, Dr. Margaret Hall for Dr. Mary Lux, Dr. Thomas Lytle, Mr. Wilbur Moreland, Dr. Ras Pandey, Dr. Bill Powell, Dr. Tim Rehner, Dr. Ben Velasquez, Ms. Kathleen Wells, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following non-voting members were present: Dr. Joan Exline, Dr. Tim Hudson, Ms. Nancy Kaul, and Mr. Greg Pierce.

The following guests were present: Ms. Donna Fielder, Dr. Jane Hudson, Mr. Frank Kuhn, LTC Lea Patton, Ms. Dawn Porter, and MAJ Robert Sybert.

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. with Dr. Rehner presiding. Dr. Rehner reminded all that everyone on the voting and non-voting member list needed to receive any and all materials sent.

2.0 Adoption of the Agenda

Dr. Rehner presented the agenda for approval. Dr. Rehner asked that the BTE courses be changed on the agenda from modify to the following: Add - BTE 363, 410, 461, Delete - BTE 463, 310, 461, and Modify - BTE 465. He also stated that a request was made to move the Allied Health Degree to 4.0. Dr. Judd moved and Dr. Evans seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes

Dr. Rehner presented the October 6, 2003 minutes for approval. Mr. Moreland moved and Dr. Hall seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed. Dr. Rehner presented the October 20, 2003 minutes for approval. Dr. Biesiot stated that under item 4.2, in the sixth sentence the word access should be changed to assess.

**FROM: 4.2 Status of the Core**

Dr. Young continued her report for the General Education Committee. The committee proposes that they come up with a plan to be implemented over the next several years to strengthen the Core by adding sophomore and junior seminars. The intent is to bring the Core back to its original content. The Core, as it is now, is not considered ideal. Beyond the plan to strengthen the Core, we consider the Core frozen for five years in order to have time for students to go through the entire programs and graduate before the Core can be adequately assessed.

Dr. Young moved and Dr. Lares seconded a motion stating that the courses in the Core be frozen for five (5) years in order to **access** the Core. Dr. Lares made an amendment as follows: The courses in the Core are frozen for five years in order to assess the impact of the Core on a graduating class. The motion passed.

**TO: 4.2 Status of the Core**

Dr. Young continued her report for the General Education Committee. The committee proposes that they come up with a plan to be implemented over the next several years to strengthen the Core by adding sophomore and junior seminars. The intent is to bring the Core back to its original content. The Core, as it is now, is not considered ideal. Beyond the plan to strengthen the Core, we consider the Core frozen for five years in order to have time for students to go through the entire programs and graduate before the Core can be adequately assessed. Dr. Young moved and Dr. Lares seconded a motion stating that the courses in the Core be frozen for five (5) years in order to **assess** the Core. Dr. Lares made an amendment as follows: The courses in the Core are frozen for five years in order to assess the impact of the Core on a graduating class. The motion passed.

Dr. Biesiot moved and Dr. Judd seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2003 meeting as amended. The motion passed.

**4.0 Allied Health Degree**

Dr. Exline presented a proposal for a baccalaureate degree in Allied Health. This degree would be directed primarily toward individuals who were two-year graduates from Community College Allied Health programs such as Respiratory Therapy. Dr. Hall moved and Dr. Powell seconded a motion to adopt an Allied Health Degree. The motion passed.

**5.0 Provost Hudson**

Provost Hudson discussed a number of issues when addressing the Council. In summary, Dr. Hudson discussed the following items:

- Duplications of graduate programs.  
Dr. Hudson stated that the College Board and the Chief Academic Officers, across the state are reviewing duplication of graduate programs at each institution. The College Board will be interested in reviewing programs that do not maintain at least a 1.5 Ph.D. graduation average for a three (3) year period.



- Progress toward degree.  
The Board is investigating the institutions in Mississippi that require more credit hours to complete a degree than most Southern states. He suggested that the maximum number of hours may be 128 or the real possibility of 120 hours by next year. A related issue was the articulation summit being scheduled to consider what is in the best interest of USM regarding the acceptance of Junior College credit toward a four (4) year degree. Dr. Bradley Bond is representing USM at this summit.
- Probation/Suspension policies.  
Dr. Hudson encouraged Council to continue its review of the Probation/Suspension policies.
- The role of Academic Council.  
In response to questions about Academic Council he asserted that Council input was valuable. He encouraged increase communication between the Council and the Provost office.
- Thursday Night Games.  
In response to questions about the Thursday schedule (2003) Dr. Hudson stated that week night games would continue to be a part of the University schedule. He suggested that alternative dates (Monday/Tuesday) were being explored for the Fall 2004 break in order to minimize impact of non-academic activities on Thursday schedules.

## 6.0 Course Proposals

- 6.1 Old Course Business  
There were no old courses presented.

## 6.2 New Course Business

### **College of Arts and Letters**

#### *Department of Theatre and Dance*

Mr. Kuhn presented a proposal for new admission and retention policies in the Theatre program including a pre-theatre program for incoming students. Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Velasquez seconded a motion to endorse this new policy. The motion passed.

### **College of Education and Psychology**

#### *Department of Psychology*

Mr. Moreland moved and Dr. Fisher seconded a motion to modify PSY 361. The motion passed.

#### *Department of Technology Education*

Dr. Fisher presented the addition of BTE 361, 363, and 410. Dr. Velasquez moved and Dr. Powell seconded a motion to add BTE 361, 363, and 410 as a group. The motion passed. Dr. Lytle moved and Dr. Young seconded a motion to accept the addition of BTE 361, 363, and 410. The motion passed.

Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Biesiot seconded a motion to delete BTE 310, 461, and 463 as a group. The motion passed. Dr. Anderson moved and Dr. Powell seconded a motion to accept the deletions of BTE 310, 461, and 463. The motion passed.

Dr. Velasquez moved and Dr. Powell seconded a motion to modify BTE 465. The motion passed.

**College of Health**

*Center for Community Health*

Dr. Hudson presented the modification of CHS 310. Dr. Velasquez moved and Dr. Anderson seconded a motion to modify CHS 310. The motion passed.

*School of Human Performance and Recreation*

Dr. Velasquez presented the reactivation of Physical Education (Non-licensure). Dr. Anderson moved and Dr. Lares seconded a motion to reactivate Physical Education (Non-licensure). The motion passed.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Probation/Suspension Policy

Dr. Biesiot presented Council with an updated version of the Academic Probation/Suspension policy. Mr. Moreland moved and Dr. Young seconded a motion to accept this version of the Academic Probation/Suspension policy (see attached). The motion passed.

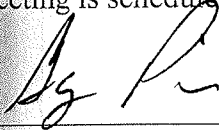
8.0 New Business

8.1 Process for Approving PEC Courses

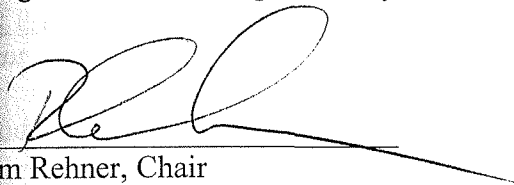
No action. This issue will be discussed at the December 1, 2003 meeting.

9.0 Adjournment

As there was no further business Dr. Rehner adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. in the Union, Room B.



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Greg Pierce, Recording Secretary



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Tim Rehner, Chair

**ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY  
November 3, 2003**

College of Health

Add: Baccalaureate degree in Allied Health.  
Effective fall 2004.

**(Effective upon final approval by Provost, President, and  
IHL. See Guidelines for Proposals page 15.)**

*Center for Community Health*

Modify: CHS 310 School Health Practicum. One  
hour.

To: CHS 310 School Health Practicum.  
Three hours. Effective spring  
2004.

*School of Human Performance and Recreation*

Add: Physical Education (Non-Licensure).  
Effective fall 2004.

College of Arts and Letters  
*Department of Theatre and Dance*

Endorse a new admission and retention policy in  
the Theatre program. Effective fall 2004.

College of Education and Psychology  
*Department of Psychology*

Modify: PSY 361 Experimental Psychology.

To: PSY 361 Research Methods. Effective  
spring 2004.

*Department of Technology Education*

Add:	BTE 361	<u>Computer Applications in Business Education I.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.
Add:	BTE 363	<u>Computer Applications in Business Education II.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.
Add:	BTE 410	<u>Production and Integration Processes for Bus Ed.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.
Delete:	BTE 310	<u>Advanced Word Processing.</u> Effective fall 2004.
Delete:	BTE 461	<u>Information Processing I.</u> Effective fall 2004.
Delete:	BTE 463	<u>Information Processing II.</u> Effective fall 2004.
Modify:	BTE 465	<u>Microcomputer Applications in Business Technology Education.</u>
To:	BTE 465	<u>Multi Design in Business Technology Education.</u> Effective fall 2004.

Academic Council Minutes  
The University of Southern Mississippi  
December 1, 2003

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on December 1, 2003, in R.C. Cook Union Room H, with Dr. Tim Rehner, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Patsy Anderson, Dr. Patricia Biesiot, Dr. Cynthia Chatham, Dr. David Duhon, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Dr. Diane Fisher, Dr. Mary Lux for Dr. Margaret Hall, Dr. Stephen Judd, Dr. Jameela Lares, Dr. Mary Lux, Dr. Thomas Lytle, Mr. Wilbur Moreland, Dr. Bill Powell, Dr. Thelma Roberson, Dr. Tim Rehner, Dr. Ben Velasquez, Ms. Kathleen Wells, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following non-voting members were present: Ms. Nancy Kaul, and Mr. Greg Pierce.

The following guests were present: Ms. Donna Fielder, Dr. Jane Hudson, Dr. Elizabeth Leal, and Ms. Dawn Porter.

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. with Dr. Rehner presiding.

Dr. Rehner reminded Council members that a proxy form should be completed and given to Donna in the Registrar's Office for verification of attendance.

#### Adoption of the Agenda

Dr. Rehner presented the agenda for approval. Dr. Rehner asked that the following courses be changed, DAN 310 to DAN 301, BTE 469 to IT 469. He requested that "On-Line Process for Academic Council Submissions" be added as 7.2 on the agenda and that under 5.2 New "course" business, College of Business and Economic Development be changed to College of Education and Psychology. Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Velasquez seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed.

#### 3.0 Report from Chair

3.1 Dr. Rehner stated that all Council members should have received the GEC, Administrative Withdrawal, and Probation/Suspension policies. He thanked those who volunteered their time to modify these documents before submitting them to the Provost's Office. The documents had been received by Dawn Porter in the Registrar's Office for bulletin entry.

3.2 The IHL Board will review the request to move Fashion Merchandising from the College of Arts and Letters to the College of Business and Economic Development in January 2004.

3.3 Dr. Rehner and Dr. Young will be meeting with Dr. Tim Hudson, University Provost, the first Thursday of every month to discuss issues discussed during Academic Council meetings.

3.4 Dr. Rehner spoke with Sheri Rawls about a URL website for Academic Council. He will forward the site to members for review and suggestions.



3.5 Dr. Powell, Dr. Young, and Dr. Rehner have been making revisions to the Proposal Guidelines Booklet and the Course Proposal Form. Dr. Rehner will forward a draft to all members when available. If anyone would like to join this work group see Dr. Rehner after the meeting.

3.6 There was discussion during the October 2003 meeting with Dr. Hudson about the 2004-2005 fall break. The recommendation from the Provost at this time is to change the break from a Thursday/Friday to a Monday/Tuesday.

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

Dr. Rehner presented the November 3, 2003 minutes for approval. Mr. Moreland moved and Dr. Lux seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

5.0 Course Proposals

5.1 Old "course" business – There was no old "course" business.

5.2 New "course" business

College of Arts and Letters

*Department of Foreign Languages*

Dr. Powell represented the Department of Foreign Languages and explained the request to modify SPA 452. Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Young seconded a motion to modify SPA 452. The motion passed.

*Theatre and Dance*

Dr. Judd represented Theatre and Dance and explained the request to modify the retention policy for dance majors. Mr. Moreland moved and Dr. Powell seconded a motion to modify the retention policy for dance majors. The motion passed.

Mr. Moreland represented Theatre and Dance and explained the request to add DAN 131, DAN 305, DAN 306, DAN 411 WI, DED 362, DED 491 WI, and modify DAN 201, DAN 202, DAN 210, DAN 220, DAN 301, DAN 302, DAN 340, DAN 401, DAN 402, and DAN 410.

Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Velasquez seconded a motion to add DAN 131, DAN 305, DAN 306, DAN 411 WI, DED 362, and DED 491 WI as a group. The motion passed.

Dr. Judd moved and Dr. Powell seconded a motion to add DAN 131, 305, 306, and 411 WI. The motion passed.

Mr. Moreland moved and Dr. Lares seconded a motion to add DED 362 and DED 491 WI as a group. The motion passed.

Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Young seconded a motion to add DED 362 and DED 491 WI. The motion passed.

Dr. Duhon moved and Mr. Moreland seconded a motion to modify DAN 201, DAN 202, DAN 210, DAN 220, DAN 301, DAN 302, DAN 340, DAN 401, DAN 402, and DAN 410 as group. The motion passed.

Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Biesiot seconded a motion to modify DAN 201, 202, 210, 220, 301, 302, 340, 401, 402, and 410. The motion passed.

*Art*

Dr. Leal represented Art Education and explained the request to add ARE 454 and ARE 483.

Dr. Lares moved and Mr. Moreland seconded a motion to add ARE 454 and ARE 483 as a group. The motion passed.

Mr. Moreland moved and Dr. Biesiot seconded a motion to add ARE 454 and ARE 483. The motion passed.

Dr. Velasquez moved and Dr. Lares seconded a motion to modify ARE 452 and ARE 453 as a group. The motion passed.

Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Velasquez seconded a motion to modify ARE 452 and ARE 453. The motion passed.

Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Velasquez seconded a motion to delete ARE 492. The motion passed.

*Political Science*

Dr. Fisher moved and Mr. Moreland seconded a motion to add PS 210 and PS 350 as a group. The motion passed.

Mr. Moreland moved and Dr. Lares seconded a motion to add PS 210 and PS 350. The motion passed.

Dr. Powell moved and Dr. Lux seconded a motion to delete PS 300. The motion passed.

**College of Education and Psychology**

*Technology Education*

Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Fisher seconded a motion to modify IT 469. The motion passed.

**College of Health**

*School of Nursing*

Dr. Chatham represented the School of Nursing and explained the request to modify NSG 438.

Dr. Chatham moved and Dr. Biesiot seconded a motion to modify NSG 438. The motion passed.

6.0 Old Business

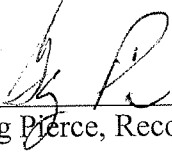
- 6.1 PEC Approval Process  
No action.

7.0 New Business

- 7.1 Approval for Special Topics Course if Taught On-line  
No action. This issue will be discussed at the February 2, 2004 meeting.

8.0 Adjournment

As there was no further business Dr. Rehner adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2004 at 3:30 p.m. in the Union, Room B.



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Greg Pierce, Recording Secretary



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Tim Rehner, Chair



ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY  
December 1, 2003

College of Arts and Letters

*Foreign Languages*

Modify:	SPA 452	<u>Topics in Latin American Literature.</u>
To:	SPA 452	<u>Topics in Latin American Literature.</u> On-line. Effective spring 2004.

*Theatre and Dance*

Add:	Retention Policy for Dance Majors Effective summer 2004.	
Add:	DAN 131	<u>Dance in Culture.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.
Add:	DAN 305	<u>Laban Movement Analysis.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.
Add:	DAN 306	<u>Bartenieff Movement Fundamentals.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.
Add:	DAN 411	<u>Choreographic Research Project III.</u> Two hours. Effective fall 2004.
Add:	DED 362	<u>Teaching Methods II.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.
Add:	DED 491	<u>Senior Capstone Experience.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.

Modify:	DAN 201	<u>Modern Dance Technique II.</u> Two hours.
To:	DAN 201	<u>Modern Dance Technique II.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.
Modify:	DAN 202	<u>Ballet Technique I.</u> Two hours.
To:	DAN 202	<u>Ballet Technique I.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.
Modify:	DAN 210	<u>Dance Improvisation.</u> Two hours.
To:	DAN 210	<u>Dance Improvisation.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.
Modify:	DAN 220	<u>Freshman Repertory.</u> Two hours.
To:	DAN 220	<u>Freshman Repertory.</u> One hour. Effective fall 2004.
Modify:	DAN 301	<u>Modern Dance Technique III.</u> Two hours.
To:	DAN 301	<u>Modern Dance Technique III.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.
Modify:	DAN 302	<u>Ballet Technique II.</u> Two hours.
To:	DAN 302	<u>Ballet Technique II.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.

Modify:	DAN 340	<u>Music Analysis and Resources for Dance.</u>
To:	DAN 340	<u>Music Analysis and Choreographic Application.</u> Effective fall 2004.
Modify:	DAN 401	<u>Modern Dance Technique IV.</u> Two hours.
To:	DAN 401	<u>Modern Dance Technique IV.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.
Modify:	DAN 402	<u>Ballet Technique III.</u> Two hours.
To:	DAN 402	<u>Ballet Technique III.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.
Modify:	DAN 410	<u>Choreographic Research Project II.</u> Three hours.
To:	DAN 410	<u>Choreographic Research Project II.</u> Two hours. Effective fall 2004.

*Art*

Add:	ARE 452	<u>Art Education Methods: Secondary.</u> Three hours. Effective summer 2004.
Add:	ARE 483	<u>History and Development of Art Education.</u> Three hours. Effective summer 2004.

Modify:	ARE 452	<u>Methods in Art.</u>
To:	ARE 452	<u>Art Education Methods: Elementary.</u> Effective summer 2004.
Modify:	ARE 453	<u>Practicum in Art Education.</u> One-six hours.
To:	ARE 453	<u>Practicum in Art Education.</u> Three-six hours. Effective summer 2004.
Delete:	ARE 492	<u>Art Education Project.</u> Effective summer 2004.

*Political Science*

Add:	PS 210	<u>Research and Writing in Political Science.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.
Add:	PS 350	<u>Political Systems of the Modern World.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.
Delete:	PS 300	<u>Political Systems of the Modern World.</u> Effective fall 2004.

**College of Education and Psychology**

*Department of Technology Education*

Modify:	IT 469	<u>Computer-Based Instructional Technology.</u>
To:	IT 469	<u>Multimedia Design and Development.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.

**College of Health**  
*School of Nursing*

Modify:	NSG 438	<u>Health Policy and Economics.</u>
To:	NSG 438	<u>Health Policy and Economics.</u> On-line. Effective spring 2004.

Academic Council Minutes  
The University of Southern Mississippi  
February 2, 2004

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on February 2, 2004, in R.C. Cook Union Room H, with Dr. Tim Rehner, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Patsy Anderson, Dr. Patricia Biesiot, Dr. Cynthia Chatham, Dr. David Duhon, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Dr. Margaret Hall, Dr. Stephen Judd, Dr. Mark Klinedinst, Dr. Jameela Lares, Dr. Mary Lux, Dr. Thomas Lytle, Mr. Wilbur Moreland, Dr. Bill Powell, Dr. Tim Rehner, Dr. Renee Falconer for Dr. Dana Thames, Dr. Ben Velasquez, Ms. Kathleen Wells, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following non-voting members were present: Dr. Harold Doty, Dr. Jane Hudson for Dr. Joan Exline, Ms. Nancy Kaul, and Mr. Greg Pierce.

The following guests were present: Dr. Robert Bateman, Dr. Ken Curry, Ms. Donna Fielder, Dr. Frank Moore, Ms. Dawn Porter, and Mr. Ernie Wilson.

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. with Dr. Rehner presiding.

#### Adoption of the Agenda

Dr. Rehner presented the agenda for approval. Dr. Duhon moved and Dr. Judd seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

### 3.0 Reports from Chair

3.1 Meeting with the Provost - Dr. Rehner and Dr. Young met with the Provost on December 4, 2003. A list of issues and concerns were discussed with Dr. Hudson. One issue pertained to getting the suspension data on a regular basis so Council could evaluate the effectiveness of the suspension policy. Dr. Rehner had sent a note to Dr. Hudson asking his direction as to who should assist Council with this issue. Concern was also expressed about academic standards. There had been discussion in this Council about the increasing number of students in classes, more classes going to the on-line format, expectations of faculty departures, and increased number of adjuncts. Although Dr. Rehner's concern was mostly related to on-line courses Dr. Hudson was interested in Council reviewing the quality of instruction related to all instruction approaches not just the equivalence between on-line and traditional instruction. Dr. Rehner did inquire about a new major being proposed by the School of Business. Dr. Hudson confirmed that the new major was being proposed and that the administration had submitted the intent to introduce a new degree at the February IHL Board meeting. Dr. Hudson brought up the issue he previously discussed with the entire Council regarding reducing the total number of hours required for a degree from 128 hours to 120 hours. Dr. Rehner suggested that a report be prepared by the General Education Committee in reference to this issue. Dr. Hudson also mentioned that fall 2004 break would be Monday and Tuesday, October 18-October 19, 2004.



3.2 Web site – No report.

3.3 Implementation of Suspension Policy for Fall 2003 - Dr. Rehner stated the following: My goal is to summarize what happened and to assure you that what was done in the fall 2003 did not happen again in the spring 2004. Historically, prior to a new semester beginning, suspended students are purged from the system on the Friday before classes begin. That means when the University count is to be done, suspended students are not included in the count. The fall 2003 count, in a departure from all previous years, included suspended students in the University's fall enrollment count. This decision was initiated by the upper Administration and the Registrar was directed to delay the purging of suspended students. Obviously, this was a radical departure from the standard practice of administratively handling suspensions. My informal investigation indicated from among the nine colleges there were at least 360-400 students that should have been suspended after finishing the summer 2003 term. When I explored this with the Registrar, I was assured that there were far fewer students affected by this policy, in fact, he indicated that only 56 suspended students had pre-registered schedules in the system and of those only 12 had paid off at least 50% of their bill from USM. Only the 12 were continued as active students while technically being suspended. Whether the number affected was 12 or 400, the administrative practice of purging suspended students from the system changed. Academic Council's policy that states, "A student placed on academic suspension may not enroll in the University of Southern Mississippi until after the next regular semester" was disregarded. In fact, the policy states that students may not even enroll in any other college or university without approval by a Dean. The Council's position on suspension is pretty clear, suspended students are not to be enrolled at USM. This is a clear disregard for the academic standard of suspension as established by this body. Prior to the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of classes this semester, Dr. Rehner sent an email to the Provost seeking assurance that suspended students from the fall have been purged from the system. Upon receiving no reply, Dr. Rehner was informally assured, through his own investigation, that students suspended had, in fact, been purged from the system as they had always been in the past. At least for spring 2004, Dr. Rehner was fairly certain, that suspended students were not enrolled on this campus. My intent in sharing this with you is that I believe you need to know what happened. Also, I want to re-enforce the procedure as implemented this semester in regards to suspended students. Suspended students should not be carried forward into subsequent semesters unless their suspension was waived through the appropriate procedures. NOTE: While the University Registrar was not present, he would like to state for the record that Dr. Rehner's account of events is correct. Also, policy will be followed in the future.

3.4 Update on Proposal Guidelines and Course Proposal Form - Dr. Rehner spoke with Sheri Rawls about a URL website for Academic Council. He will forward the site to members for review and suggestions.

- 3.5 Dr. Powell, Dr. Young, and Dr. Rehner have been making revisions to the Proposal Guidelines Booklet and the Course Proposal Form. Dr. Rehner stated that a draft should be available to members before the next council meeting.
- 4.0 Approval of the Minutes  
Dr. Rehner presented the December 1, 2003 minutes for approval. Dr. Biesiot moved and Dr. Lux seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed.
- 5.0 Course Proposals
- 5.1 Old "course" business – There was no old "course" business.
- 5.2 New "course" business

College of Business and Economic Development  
*Department of Hospitality Management*

Mr. Ernie Wilson represented the Department of Hospitality Management and explained the request to change the department name from Hospitality Management to Department of Tourism and Management and to add a new major, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Tourism, to include three emphasis areas. Dr. Duhon moved and Mr. Moreland seconded a motion to change the name from the Department of Hospitality Management to Department of Tourism and Management. The motion passed. **(Pending IHL Approval)**  
Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Velasquez seconded a motion to add the new major, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Tourism, to include three emphasis areas. The motion passed. **(Pending IHL Approval)**

College of Health  
*Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences*

Dr. Hudson represented the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences and explained the request to modify SHS 202 and SHS 202L. Dr. Velasquez moved and Dr. Hall seconded a motion to approve these modifications as a group. The motion passed.  
Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Velasquez seconded a motion to modify SHS 202 and SHS 202L. The motion passed.

College of Science and Technology  
*Department of Chemistry*

Dr. Bateman represented the Department of Chemistry and explained the request to add CHE 392. Dr. Velasquez moved and Dr. Evans seconded a motion to table the addition of CHE 392. The motion passed.



## College of Science and Technology

### *Department of Coastal Sciences*

Dr. Lytle represented the Department of Coastal Sciences and explained the request to add COA 422, 422L, 448, and 448L.

Dr. Velasquez moved and Dr. Biesiot seconded a motion to add COA 422 and COA 422L as a group. The motion passed.

Dr. Biesiot moved and Dr. Hall seconded a motion to add COA 422 and COA 422L. The motion passed.

Dr. Biesiot moved and Dr. Hall seconded a motion to add COA 448 and COA 448L as a group. The motion passed.

Mr. Moreland moved and Dr. Powell seconded a motion to table the addition of COA 448 and COA 448L. The motion passed.

### *Department of Biological Sciences*

Dr. Moore represented the Department of Biological Sciences and explained the request to modify BSC 226.

Dr. Biesiot moved and Dr. Hall seconded a motion to modify BSC 226. The motion passed.

### *Department of Industrial Engineering Technology Sciences*

Mr. Moreland moved and Dr. Powell seconded a motion to modify ITE 350 and ITE 410 as a group. The motion passed.

Dr. Lares moved and Dr. Young seconded a motion to modify ITE 350 and ITE 410. The motion passed.

## 6.0 Old Business

### 6.1 Technology Update

Dr. Lytle stated that the process of a possible electronic course proposal form has been initiated. This process will eliminate paper copies and improve the circulation to council members. Provost Grimes was approached regarding possible assistance from the Provost Office. He referred Council to Dr. Angie Dvorak to research the possibility of *iTech* developing this process. Drs. Rehner, Young, and Lytle will work with Dr. Dvorak and appropriate *iTech* staff to develop the specifications. A pilot program will be developed to test the proposed process.

## 7.0 New Business

### 7.1 Signature Authority

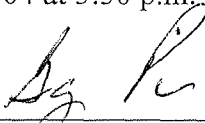
Dr. Rehner presented a proposed chart that addresses several academic issues as related to signature authority and asked Council for suggestions and recommendations. Further discussion will be conducted at the March 2004 meeting.

### 7.2 Procedural Change for Prefix Changes Affecting All Courses Within a Major

Dr. Judd moved and Dr. Powell seconded a motion to accept a memo from colleges showing the old prefixes of existing courses along with the approved new prefixes instead of a course proposal form for each course. The motion passed.

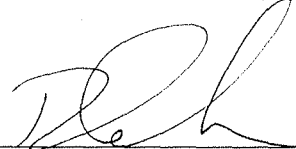
8.0 Adjournment

Items 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, and 7.6 will be discussed at the next Academic Council meeting. Dr. Rehner adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2004 at 3:30 p.m. in the Pine Tree Room (208) in the Payne Center.



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Greg Pierce, Recording Secretary



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Tim Rehner, Chair

ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY  
February 2, 2004

**College of Business and Economic Development**

*Department of Hospitality Management*

- Modify: Hospitality Management.
- To: Department of Tourism and Management.  
Effective fall 2004. **Pending IHL approval.**
- Add: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Tourism  
Including three (3) emphasis areas:  
Casino and Resort Management  
Hotel Management  
Restaurant Management  
Effective fall 2004. **Pending IHL approval.**

**College of Health**

*Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences*

- Modify: SHS 202 Fundamentals of  
Speech and Hearing  
Science.
- To: SHS 202 Fundamentals of  
Speech and Hearing  
Science. On-line  
format. Effective fall  
2004.
- Modify: SHS 202L Fundamentals of  
Speech and Hearing  
Science.
- To: SHS 202L Fundamentals of  
Speech and Hearing  
Science. On-line  
format. Effective fall  
2004.

**College of Science and Technology**

*Department of Chemistry*

**Tabled:**                      **CHE 392**                      **Introduction to Research.**

*Department of Coastal Sciences*

Add:                              COA 422                      Elasmobranch Biology.  
Three hours. Effective summer 2004.

Add:                              COA 422L                      Elasmobranch Biology Lab. Two hours.  
Effective summer 2004.

**Tabled:**                      **COA 448**                      **Barrier Island Ecology.**

**Tabled:**                      **COA 448L**                      **Barrier Island Ecology Lab.**

*Department of Biological Sciences*

Modify:                              BSC 226                      Botany.

To:                                      BSC 226                      Botany. On-line format. Effective spring 2004.

*Department of Industrial Engineering Technology Sciences*

Modify:                              ITE 350                      Industrial Cost Control.

To:                                      ITE 350                      Industrial Cost Control.  
On-line format. Effective summer 2004.

Modify:                              ITE 410                      Motion and Time.

To:                                      ITE 410                      Motion and Time.  
On-line format. Effective fall 2004.

Academic Council Minutes  
The University of Southern Mississippi  
March 8, 2004

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on March 8, 2004, in the R.C. Cook Union, Room H, with Dr. Tim Rehner, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Ben Velasquez for Dr. Patsy Anderson, Dr. Patricia Biesiot, Dr. Ben Velasquez for Dr. Cynthia Chatham, Dr. David Duhon for Dr. James Crockett, Dr. David Duhon, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Dr. Diane Fisher, Dr. Ben Velasquez for Dr. Margaret Hall, Dr. Stephen Judd, Dr. Amy Young for Dr. John Koeppel, Dr. Jameela Lares, Dr. Ben Velasquez for Dr. Mary Lux, Dr. Patricia Biesiot for Dr. Thomas Lytle, Mr. Wilbur Moreland, Dr. Bill Powell, Dr. Tim Rehner, Dr. Renee Falconer for Dr. Dana Thames, Dr. Ben Velasquez, Ms. Kathleen Wells, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following voting members were absent: Dr. Mark Klinedinst, Dr. Ras Pandey, and Dr. Thelma Roberson.

The following non-voting member(s) were present: Mr. Greg Pierce.

The following guests were present: Ms. Donna Fielder and Ms. Dawn Porter.

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. with Dr. Rehner presiding.

#### Adoption of the Agenda

Dr. Rehner presented the agenda for approval. Dr. Velasquez moved and Dr. Evans seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Young moved and Dr. Velasquez seconded a motion to amend the agenda to add consideration of a resolution as 4.2. The motion passed.

#### 3.0 Reports from Chair

- 3.1 Meeting with the Provost - Dr. Rehner and Dr. Young met with Provost Hudson on March 4, 2004. Two issues dealing with the structure of the bylaws were discussed with Dr. Hudson. The first issue was council representation from the Gulf Coast campus. They asked Dr. Hudson, "What is the structure of the University?" and "Do we have to have separate representatives for folks on the Coast as we have had in the past?" His response was that we have one campus, the same Academic units with one Hattiesburg chair. He argued that the Coast and Hattiesburg are one campus thus we have the same unites across both campuses. Therefore, persons from the coast are part of the faculty for the College of Arts and Letters, College of Science and Technology, College of Education and Psychology, and the College of Health.

There would not be separate designees just from the Coast. This is Dr. Hudson's view of the reorganization of USM.

The second issue for discussion was the grade review membership. Academic Council has always been charged with the responsibility of electing for the grade review committee. Since we are one University, as the Provost argues, we should only have one grade review council. Historically, there have been two grade review committees: one on the Gulf Coast and one in Hattiesburg.

The Provost felt that there should be only one committee across both campuses, but there should be some representation from the Coast. Dr. Hudson thought it would be a good idea to have a smaller group. Dr. Rehner and Dr. Young both thought that more diversity on the committee would be better for the student not to mention having a quorum for any meeting. Currently, there are three representatives per college. Dr. Hudson suggested one or two representatives per college.

Dr. Hudson did approve the request to pay someone to maintain the Academic Council website (\$100.00 per month). Dr. Young stated that they do have someone in place to do this task.

#### 4.0 New Business

##### 4.1 Committee reports

###### 4.1.1 Bylaws

Dr. Lares presented a draft of the Constitution of the Academic Council for approval. Dr. Duhon moved and Dr. Lares seconded a motion to leave the USM Gulf Coast in the list under 2.1.2. The motion passed.

Dr. Velasquez moved and Dr. Fisher seconded a motion to accept the proposed document with modifications. The motion passed.  
(See Attached)

Dr. Lares presented a draft of the Bylaws of the Academic Council for approval. Mr. Moreland moved and Dr. Velasquez seconded a motion to accept the proposed document with modifications. The motion passed.  
(See Attached)

###### 4.1.2 Elections

Dr. Evans indicated that he needed an updated list of faculty. Dr. Rehner stated that Michelle Arrington would be the person to contact for an updated list.

#### 4.2 Resolution

Dr. Rehner presented Council with a proposal of a Resolution to present to various individuals. Dr. Powell moved and Dr. Lares seconded a motion to accept the proposed Resolution with modifications. The motion passed. (See Attached)

#### 5.0 Adjournment

Dr. Rehner adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2004 at 3:30 p.m. in the Union, Room C.

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Greg Pierce, Recording Secretary

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Tim Rehner, Chair

March 8, 2004

Whereas, the Academic Council of The University of Southern Mississippi is the elected body charged with maintaining the integrity of the curriculum and the procedures, grades, policies, and academic environment affecting undergraduate education; and

Whereas, the Academic Council considers the firing of Professors Glamser and Stringer to be a direct assault on academic freedom and academic standards; and

Whereas, the faculty need the intellectual freedom to create space for critical thought related to inquiry and the expression of ideas and beliefs without fear of punishment and retribution; and

Whereas, replacing fired senior faculty with “substitute” faculty already teaching full loads erodes any department’s commitment to quality academic standards; and

Whereas, expecting “substitute” faculty to teach outside their areas of professional expertise compromises the quality learning that students have every right to expect from this university;

Therefore, the Academic Council of The University of Southern Mississippi requests that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning direct the university administration to immediately reinstate Professors Glamser and Stringer pending resolution of the appeal process.

This resolution was approved by the Academic Council on this date with a unanimous vote.



March 10, 2004

Dr. David Potter, Commissioner  
Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL)  
3825 Ridgewood Rd.  
Jackson, MS 39211

Dear Dr. Potter;

It is with great distress that I forward the enclosed resolution on behalf of The University of Southern Mississippi's Academic Council. The resolution was passed unanimously (20-0) at the Council's meeting on Monday, March 8, 2004. As you will see from the resolution, the Academic Council believes firmly that recent events have profoundly compromised academic standards and academic freedom, the foundation of this university.

We trust that you will take appropriate action to restore the academic integrity of the educational environment of The University of Southern Mississippi.

Sincerely,

Tim Rehner, Ph.D.  
Academic Council, Chair

cc: Mr. Thomas W. Colbert, President  
Mr. William Sterling Crawford  
Dr. L. Stacy Davidson, Jr.  
Ms. Ricki R. Garrett  
Mr. Bryce Griffis  
Mr. James Roy Klumb  
Dr. D.E. Magee, Jr.  
Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely  
Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton  
Mr. Carl Nicholson, Jr.  
Mr. Scott Ross  
Ms. Amy Whitten  
Dr. Shelby Thames  
Dr. Tim Hudson  
Dr. Jay Grimes  
Dr. Myron Henry, President USM Faculty Senate  
Dr. Hal Shoemaker, Chair, Graduate Council

**Academic Council Minutes**  
**The University of Southern Mississippi**  
**April 5, 2004**

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on April 5, 2004, in R.C. Cook Union Room C, with Dr. Tim Rehner, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Patsy Anderson, Dr. Patricia Biesiot, Dr. Cynthia Chatham, Dr. David Duhon for Dr. James Crockett, Dr. David Duhon, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Dr. Margaret Hall, Dr. Mark Klinedinst, Dr. Bill Powell for Dr. Jameela Lares, Dr. Mary Lux, Dr. Thomas Lytle, Mr. Wilbur Moreland, Dr. Ras Pandey, Dr. Bill Powell, Dr. Thelma Roberson, Dr. Thelma Roberson for Dr. Renee Falconer for Dr. Dana Thames, Dr. Ben Velasquez, Ms. Kathleen Wells, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following non-voting members were present: Dr. Jane Hudson for Dr. Joan Exline and Ms. Nancy Kaul.

The following guests were present: Ms. Donna Fielder and Ms. Dawn Porter.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. with Dr. Rehner presiding.

Adoption of the Agenda

Dr. Rehner presented the agenda for approval. Dr. Velasquez moved and Mr. Moreland seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

3.0 Reports from Chair

3.1 Meeting with the Provost – This report was given at the March 8, 2004 meeting.

3.2 Web Site – Dr. Rehner, Dr. Young, Dr. Lytle, and Dr. Powell met with Dr. Dvorak and Paige Strickland to discuss several issues, including the electronic submission of forms and other paperwork needed on the web-site for Academic Council. This process is labor intensive and will need some infrastructure. The new forms developed by Academic Council along with the revised guidelines should be ready for Council to view at the April 19, 2004 called meeting.

3.3 Called Meeting - Dr. Rehner has scheduled a meeting on April 19, 2004 in the Union, Room C at 3:30 p.m.

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

Dr. Rehner presented the March 1, 2004 minutes for approval. Dr. Evans moved and Dr. Judd seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

Dr. Rehner presented the March 8, 2004 minutes for approval. Mr. Moreland moved and Dr. Young seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

## 5.0 Course Proposals

### 5.1 Old “course” business – None

### 5.2 New “course” business

#### College of Health

##### *Department of Nursing*

Dr. Chatham represented the Department of Nursing and explained the request to modify NSG 468 to on-line format.

Dr. Chatham moved and Dr. Velasquez seconded a motion to modify NSG 468 to on-line format. The motion passed.

##### *Department of Human Performance and Recreation*

Dr. Velasquez represented the Department of Human Performance and Recreation and explained the request to add HPR 328.

Dr. Judd moved and Dr. Velasquez seconded a motion to add HPR 328. The motion passed.

## 6.0 Old Business - None

## 7.0 New Business

### 7.1 Committee reports

#### 7.1.1 Elections

Dr. Evans presented Council with a report explaining the process of the elections committee. He stated that they are following the new constitution and by-laws necessitated primarily by the reduction in the number of Colleges at USM. Dr. Rehner suggested that Dr. Evans proceed with the elections process and that members encourage people in their respective colleges to get ballots in to Dr. Evans.

#### 7.1.3 Standards

Purpose statement for suspension policy

Dr. Biesiot presented Council with a draft of the “Purpose Statement” for probation/suspension as follows:

**The University expects all students, regardless of whether they are enrolled part-time or full-time, to meet certain academic standards. Students must assume personal responsibility for their own intellectual growth and personal development and should take advantage of the opportunities for academic support that the University provides. If a student fails to maintain the quality of work necessary to make reasonable progress toward graduation, then the student will be placed on academic probation or suspension. The purpose of this policy is to help students reestablish an acceptable level of academic performance. (See Attached)**

Dr. Hall moved and Dr. Lux seconded a motion to accept the above statement. The motion passed.

#### Correction to Bulletin

Dr. Biesiot presented Council with changes to the 2005-2006 undergraduate bulletin pending approval from Dr. Hudson. There was discussion on the financial aid threshold being different from the academic standards criteria. Dr. Rehner suggested that this issue be discussed further. Dr. Roberson moved and Dr. Velasquez seconded a motion to accept the changes as discussed. The motion passed.

#### AP Program Scores

Dr. Biesiot presented Council with recommendations raising the USM standard for AP credit from a minimum of “2” to a minimum of “3”, which is the current national standard.

Dr. Velasquez moved and Dr. Anderson seconded a motion to accept the increase of the AP score from “2” to “3” giving departments the flexibility to define the standard they want in terms of the AP scores. The motion passed.

#### 8.0 Adjournment

Dr. Rehner adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2004 at 3:30 p.m. in the Union, Room H. The May 3, 2004 meeting has been changed to the Hall of Honors in the Union.

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Greg Pierce, Recording Secretary

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Tim Rehner, Chair

Draft "Purpose Statement" for Probation/Suspension  
Circulated 26 January 2004

The University expects all students, regardless of whether they are enrolled part-time or full-time, to meet certain academic standards. Students must assume personal responsibility for their own intellectual growth and personal development and should take advantage of the opportunities for academic support that the University provides. If a student fails to maintain the quality of work necessary to make reasonable progress toward graduation, then the student will be placed on academic probation or suspension. The purpose of this policy is to help students reestablish an acceptable level of academic performance.

**To:** Members of Academic Council

**From:** Patricia M. Biesiot, Chair  
Academic Standards Committee

**Date:** 18 February 2004

**In Re:** Credit for AP courses

The Academic Standards Committee recommends raising the USM standard for AP credit from a minimum of "2" to a minimum of "3", which is the current national standard. If this policy is approved, each Department should review its own standards and inform the Office of Admissions of any required higher scores and/or the number of hours of credit to be given.

USM students may earn up to a total of 30 hours of "credit by examination", including College Level Examination Program (CLEP), AP courses, International Baccalaureate, and Challenge Examination.

Bulletin; the proposed changes are in *bold italics*:

**Advance Placement Program:** Students from cooperating high schools can earn up to twenty (20) hours with no more than eight (8) hours or two (2) courses in one subject-matter area through the College Board's Advanced Placement Testing Program. *A score of 3 or 4 will yield three (3) hours credit; a grade of 5 will yield six (6) hours credit.* Departments may require higher scores. *For example, for the AP Biology test, a score of 3 or below will yield no credit; a score of 4 will yield three (3) hours of credit and a score of 5 will yield six (6) hours of credit (no lab credit).* The awarding of credit will be administered by the Office of Admissions.

1. I spoke with Wayne Pyle (Office of Admissions). He indicated that USM had a higher standard at one time, but that it was lowered to 2 because that is what the LSU standard was. At the time, USM was heavily recruiting LA students.

I suspect that 1987 was the year the change was made, because of the language in the current USM Bulletin. We believe that it is time to delete that language and for a change back to the higher standard!

A check of the current LSU catalog reveals that it grants AP credit for a score of 3, 4, or 5 for specific subjects.

2. I checked the catalogs (<http://www.collegesource.org>) of the seven other state universities in Mississippi for their respective **AP credit** policies

Alcorn State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, and the University of Mississippi all grant AP credit for a score of 3, 4, or 5 for specific subjects.

Delta State University, Jackson State University and Mississippi Valley State University accept AP credit, but scores are not specified in the catalog.

ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY

April 5, 2004

**College of Health**

*Department of Nursing*

Modify:	NSG 468	<u>Contemporary Issues.</u>
To:	NSG 468	<u>Contemporary Issues.</u> On-line correspondence format. Three hours. Effective summer 2004.

*School of Human Performance and Recreation*

Add:	HPR 328	<u>Coaching Softball.</u> Three hours. Effective fall 2004.
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**Academic Council Minutes**  
**The University of Southern Mississippi**  
**April 19, 2004**

The Academic Council met at 3:30 p.m. on April 19, 2004, in R.C. Cook Union Room C, with Dr. Tim Rehner, Chair of the Academic Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Patsy Anderson, Dr. Patricia Biesiot, Dr. Cynthia Chatham, Dr. David Duhon for Dr. James Crockett, Dr. David Duhon, Dr. Jeffrey Evans, Dr. Margaret Hall, Dr. Stephen Judd, Dr. Mark Klinedinst, Dr. John Koeppel, Dr. Jameela Lares, Dr. Mary Lux, Dr. Patricia Biesiot for Dr. Thomas Lytle, Mr. Wilbur Moreland, Dr. Ras Pandey, Dr. Bill Powell, Dr. Mary Lux for Dr. Ben Velasquez, Ms. Kathleen Wells, and Dr. Amy Young.

The following non-voting members were present: Ms. Nancy Kaul and Mr. Greg Pierce.

The following guests were present: Ms. Donna Fielder and Ms. Dawn Porter.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. with Dr. Rehner presiding.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Dr. Rehner presented the agenda for approval. Dr. Hall moved and Mr. Moreland seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Rehner announced the following changes to the agenda: 7.0 Other Business and 8.0 Adjourn. The motion to accept the agenda as modified passed.

**3.0 Reports from Chair**

**3.1 Report from Provost meeting April 16, 2004**

**3.1.1 120 hour undergraduate degrees**

Dr. Rehner reported on his discussion with Dr. Hudson regarding awarding undergraduate degrees after 120 hours of course work. This is an issue the College Board will continue to review. The University Community will be informed when a decision is made by IHL.

**4.0 Approval of the Minutes**

Dr. Rehner presented the April 5, 2004 minutes for approval. Dr. Judd moved and Dr. Young seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

**5.0 New Business**

**5.1 Elections Update**

Dr. Evans stated that Academic Council elections are in the second round of elections. The ballots are due back by April 24, 2004. Dr. Evans has received no ballots from the Gulf Park Campus.

New members for the 2004-2005 year will be announced by Dr. Amy Young who will be residing as Chair of the Academic Council.



5.2 Electronic Guidelines and Forms

Dr. Powell presented Council with a presentation for accessing the course proposal guidelines and course proposal forms electronically. He welcomed any input from Council regarding these documents. Dr. Rehner suggested that consideration of the guidelines be presented at the May 2004 meeting.

6.0 Next Meeting

Dr. Rehner stated that the next Academic Council meeting will be on May 3, 2004 in Hall of Honors in the Union.

7.0 Other Business

7.1 AP Credit Certification

Mr. Pierce requested that the effective date for raising the USM standard for AP credit from a minimum of "2" to a minimum of "3" be effective for entering college the fall 2005 term. Students entering college prior to this date will be grandfathered in and will be allowed a minimum of "2".

Dr. Evans asked for an update on the undergraduate plus-minus grading basis. Dr. Biesiot stated that further discussion about the plus-minus grading process has surfaced. This issue will be discussed during the 2004-2005 academic year.

8.0 Adjournment

Dr. Rehner adjourned the meeting.

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Greg Pierce, Recording Secretary

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Tim Rehner, Chair

**Academic Council Minutes**  
**The University of Southern Mississippi**  
**May 3, 2004**

The Academic Council met at 5:25 p.m. on May 3, 2004, in R.C. Cook Union, Hall of Honors, with Dr. Amy Young, Chair for the 2004-2005 Academic Council, presiding.

1.0 Call to Order

Dr. Young, Chair of the Academic Council, called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.

2.0 Report for Chair

Dr. Young had no report. However, she did state that she would be looking for Committee Chairs.

3.0 Adjourn

Dr. Young adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2004 at 3:30 p.m. in the Union, Room H.

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Greg Pierce, Recording Secretary

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Amy Young, Chair