

**Academic Affairs Committee  
September 25, 2008  
Minutes**

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A "Summary of Action taken" is provided for quick reference in addition to the Minutes.

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**Summary of Action taken September 25, 2008**

**Item 3: School of Arts and Sciences/Department of Social Science**  
**HIS 33XXR: Survey Of U.S. Military History: Independence to World Leadership**  
*Proposal to Add HIS 33XXR Survey Of U.S. Military History: Independence To World Leadership.* **Motion carried.**

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**1. Call to Order/Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 1:42 a.m. by Provost Henderson. Members present were: Interim Dean Kerr, Dean Quintanilla, Dean Martinez, Ms. Potter, Dr. DeLotto, Dr. Rast, Dr. Gullion, Dr. Benz, Dr. Dryden, Dr. Hodges, Dr. Miranda, Ms. Denelle Rodriguez for Ms. Kiser, Ms. Roberta Marley for Ms. Van Toorn, and Dr. Bussell. Guests in attendance included Dr. Linda Metcalf, Dr. Brenda Taylor Matthews, Ms. Twyla Williams, Mr. DeTrae Warren, and LTC Rodney Joye.

Dr. Henderson welcomed the committee members to the new academic year, new members were introduced, and "house rules" were reviewed. Dr. DeLotto noted that actions from Academic Affairs are moved through Faculty Council and Assembly for final approval.

**2. Approval of Minutes of April 30, 2008**

**The minutes of April 30, 2008 were approved on a Benz/Kerr motion.**

**3. Old Business**

None.

#### **4. New Business**

**Item 1: School of Arts and Sciences/Department of Social Science  
Political Science Pre-Law Requirements**

*Proposal to change ENG 3300B Style & Structure program requirement to ENG 3300D Writing in the Social Sciences or ENG 3300C Writing in the Humanities.*

The proposed ENG 3300 C&D would better prepare students for their profession. There was some discussion regarding whether the proposed course options were required or only recommended. It might be difficult particularly for weekend students to take C or D.

**Proposal automatically tabled.**

**Item 2: School of Arts and Sciences/Department of Social Science  
Political Science B.A. & B.S. degrees**

*Proposal to change PHI 3312 Modern Philosophy program requirement to PHI 2321 Intro to Philosophy.*

The proposal was made as a result of scheduling difficulties.

**Proposal automatically tabled.**

**Item 3: School of Arts and Sciences/Department of Social Science  
HIS 33XXR: Survey Of U.S. Military History: Independence to World Leadership**

*Proposal to Add HIS 33XXR Survey Of U.S. Military History: Independence To World Leadership.*

LTC Rodney Joey, ROTC coordinator, was introduced to present the proposal. This course is a pre-commissioning requirement at any university (U.S. Military History). It provides a good perspective on U.S. history because political and military history are linked, and, therefore, would be of interest to any history student. TCU has offered the course in the past but it is not active. Therefore, Wesleyan has an opportunity not only to offer the course to our own ROTC and non-ROTC students but also to draw TCU students here—TCU has a cadet core of about 200. There was a need to add the course to the Spring 09 schedule to ensure that our ROTC students can meet their requirement. The expectation was a spring enrollment of about 20 students in the course.

There was some discussion regarding prerequisites, the fit with our history department, level, and content. The course was modeled on a challenging University of West Georgia Civil War course. It was noted, too, that no Wesleyan history courses currently has prerequisites, but students at this level should, regardless of specified prerequisites, be able to read and write, which becomes clear through the syllabus. There was some additional discussion regarding possibly adding to page 230 of the catalog a description of Wesleyan course level expectations as general guiding principles. In history, it was noted, the 3000 level is used for survey courses and the 4000 level for more specific topics courses.

**Kerr/Hodges moved to suspend house rules to allow for an immediate vote. Motion carried.**

**DeLotto/Gullion moved to approve the proposal. Motion carried.**

**Item 4: School of Arts and Sciences/Department of Mass Communication  
Mass Communication requirements**

*Proposal to remove MIS 2303 from Mass Communication degree without replacement.*

**Proposal automatically tabled.**

**Item 5: Academic Calendar 2010-11**

*Proposal for 2010-2011 Academic Calendar.*

Chair Henderson asked committee members to share the calendar with “the picky people” to review carefully. He stressed the importance of catching errors or omissions or concerns now before getting to the dates in question. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Office of Student Records.

There was some discussion regarding Awards Day, and it was noted that this ceremony should not be held on Dead Day. Instead, it should be held during free period of the last Tuesday of class.

**Proposal automatically tabled.**

**Item 6: School of Arts and Sciences/Department of Social Science  
History program**

*Proposal for changes to B.A. and B.S. History Programs and to B.A. and B.S. History with Secondary Certification Programs; correction to HIS 2301 title in degree listings.*

A program audit done last year identified the need for some programmatic changes. Many required related courses were added with the recent General Education Curriculum changes but the department has found that the addition of these courses has meant that transferring into the program has become more difficult because our requirements are excessive in comparison to others, for instance TCU.

There was some discussion regarding the elimination of the ECO requirement and impact on learning objectives. It was noted that students will still get a good understanding of this subject through other classes. It was noted that there is no business requirement in the General Education Curriculum (GEC)—or political science—but that students have options. A discussion regarding the GEC ensued along with appropriate major requirements and learning objectives in light of transfer student needs. There was also some discussion on the proposed HIS 43XX Introduction to Public History course syllabus, although it was noted that the syllabus was not final. There would be no course prerequisites.

Any questions regarding the proposal, it was noted, should be submitted to Dr. Taylor Matthews.

**Proposal automatically tabled.**

**Item 7: School of Business  
Elimination of concentrations**

*Proposal to eliminate the following concentrations: Fire Management, Business Psychology, and International Business.*

Several issues prompted the suggested eliminations. The ACBSP accreditation process that the School of Business has recently gone through and the one it is in now (AACSBP) had brought some issues to light as had the recent program review process. There is an issue of quality and of resources. The Fire Management concentration had not brought the numbers expected; the Business Psychology concentration does not meet student professional needs, students are better served by choosing business or psychology, and completing a minor is now a possibility; international business concepts are now incorporated throughout the curriculum and a separate concentration is no longer warranted. Students in these concentrations will be able to complete their programs. Students under transfer articulation agreements would also be served as warranted.

**Proposal automatically tabled.**

**5. Other Business**

There was a reminder of the deadline to propose changes to the catalog: presentation at the November 16 meeting with final approvals at the January 22 meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
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October 22, 2008