## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

### Name of Committee: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS  
### Date & Time of Meeting: 12:00 PM, 2/13/2015

### Members Present:
- Courtney McDonald, Tommy Wright, Alexander Yemelyanov, Bryan Davis, Gaynor Cheokas, Chu Chu Wu, Olga Godoy, Joy Humphrey, Glory Achobandu, Phil Szmedra, Brian Smith, Krista Smith, Brian Adler (Ex-Officio), Helen Tate (Ex-Officio)

### Absent:
- John Stroyls, Ru Story-Huffman, Paula Bryant, Kemo Sonko

### Guest:
- Lydia Rogers, Lauren DiPaula, Ervin Anderson, Chadwick Gugg, Susan Bragg

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by McDonald at 12:05 PM.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

The motion to approve the December 2014 minutes was made by Wright and seconded by Szmedra. Motion carried.

### 3. New Business

- **IEC submitted a definition of critical thinking for consideration of adoption university-wide.** As stated, “Critical thinking is a habit of mind characterized by the comprehensive exploration of issues, ideas, artifacts, and events before accepting or formulating an opinion or conclusion.” Brian Davis moved to adopt. Seconded by Yemelyanov. Motion approved.

- The Department of English proposed changes to Learning Support and English program. Changes mandated by BOR. Adler moved to consider as one. Bryan Davis seconded. Motion carried.
  - Deactivate Read 0099/English 0099
  - New course - ENGL 0999, paired support for English 1101

- The Department of Mathematics proposed changes to Learning Support and Math program. Changes mandated by BOR. Bryan Davis moved to consider as one. Seconded by Wright. Motion carried.
  - Deactivate MATH 0099
  - New course – MATH 0998 with co-requisite MATH 1101 and MATH 0999 with co-requisite MATH 1111

- The Department of History and Political Science proposed new course - HIST 4560, American Popular Culture. Brian Davis moved to approve. Tate seconded. Motion carried.

- The Department of Psychology and Sociology submitted proposal to revise course – PSYC 3340. Course to be offered online. Motion to approve made by Tate. Seconded by Szmedra. Motion approved.

### 4. Academic Policy Subcommittee

Policy Committee had two proposals for consideration.

- Policy clarification for CLEP credit. Motion to approve made by Brian Davis. Seconded by Wright. Motion carried.

- Revision to Academic Renewal policy. BOR revisions, student can apply for renewal after 3 years. Moved to approve by Bryan Davis. Seconded by Brian Davis. Motion approved.
5. **Announcements**

MacDonald announced proposals for next meeting are due February 27th. Next meeting is scheduled for March 13th at 12 PM in the School of Business conference room.

6. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gaynor Cheokas

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