

Academic Council Minutes

January 15, 2020

Midwestern State University

The Academic Council did not meet on January 15, 2020. However, an electronic vote was requested by the voting members of the council.

Voting members:

Dr. Marcy Brown Marsden, Dean, McCoy College of Science, Mathematics, and Engineering
 Dr. Martin Camacho, Dean, Lamar D. Fain College of Fine Arts
 Dr. Matthew Capps, Dean, Gordon T. and Ellen West College of Education
 Dr. Jeff Killion, Dean, Robert D. and Carol Gunn College of Health Sciences and Human Services
 Dr. Jeff Stambaugh, Dean, Dillard College of Business Administration
 Dr. Sam Watson, Dean, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences
 Dr. Kathryn Zuckweiler, Dean, Dr. Billie Doris McAda Graduate School
 Dr. Marcos Lopez, Faculty Senate representative

Voting members unable to vote as classes had not begun at MSU for spring 2020:

Student Government Association Vice President

New Business

1. Dr. Johnston presented the following change to the Institutional Review Board Committee, effective immediately, as a point of information (*no vote required*). (*closed*)

BOARDS, FACULTY SENATE AND STAFF SENATE			
Institutional Review Board		Term Expires	College or Dept
Purpose:	To ensure that research accomplished by students, staff, and faculty under the auspices of the university is in compliance with federal regulations related to the protection of privacy, safety, health, and welfare of persons who are subjects in that research.		
Personnel:	One faculty member from each and a community member with an appropriate professional background who is not otherwise affiliated in any way with the institution college. <u>Non-Voting member: Research Administrator, Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (OSPR)</u>		
Reports to:	<u>Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs</u>		

All proposed changes are marked as such: deleted items are marked with a strikethrough line and new items are in bold and underlined. Italicized wording is justification or clarification from the proposing department/college.

	<u>Dean, McAda Graduate School, and Director, Office of Sponsored Programs and Research</u>		
Members:			
Faculty – BA	Thuy Nguyen	2021	MKTG
Faculty – ED	Emily Reeves (Chair)	2021	KNES
Faculty – FA	Sally Story	2021	THEA
Faculty – HSHS	Catherine Pankonien	2020	NURS
Faculty – HSS	Terri Templemeyer	2020	PSYC
Faculty – SM	Ray Willis	2021	BIOL
Community Member			
Faculty – ED	Austin Kureethara Manual	2021	EDUC
<u>Non-Voting member: Research Administrator, OSPR</u>	<u>Brittany Norman</u>		

Constituencies make recommendations

2. The following item was voted on and adopted unanimously by electronic vote. (*closed*)

First-Year Council has assessed the effectiveness and scalability of MSU's current First-Year Experience model and proposes changes to the university's Learning Community program in order to serve all first-year students. The current FYE launched in fall 2016, and participation in the fall Learning Community has dropped from 305 to 183 students due to the challenging logistics of pairing core courses that maintain 20-seat caps and fit the needs of students who transfer several hours of dual-credit. In the revised model, first-year students who are not already participating in a university experience similar to a learning community (e.g. Redwine Honors, student athlete, Priddy Scholars) will be assigned to a section of MWSU 1230: First Year Seminar based on enrollment in one common core course and housing assignment or major. These Learning Communities of 15-20 students will meet one hour each week and be led by peer mentors trained to deliver a first-year seminar curriculum.

New Course Addition, effective fall 2020

MWSU 1230. First Year Seminar

Description: This seminar provides new students the opportunity to develop the skills, knowledge, and mindset to achieve academic success.

Seminar (0-0)

3. The following item was voted on and adopted unanimously by electronic vote. (*closed*)

Proposal to submit Core Curriculum Course for Board of Regents and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

Course was approved with changes by the Academic Council in April 2019 to be effective fall 2019. It will be submitted to the Board of Regents in February and then to the CB in the spring for consideration to be included in our core curriculum.

Foundational Component Area: Language, Philosophy & Culture
Component Area Option: Cultural & Global Understanding

CMPS 1023. The Digital Culture

Description: Students will explore the history, current state, and cultural impact of the digital world on individuals and society. This course will prepare students to understand and relate to others in an increasingly online world and be productive members of a global digital society. Topics will include history of computing from a global perspective, accessibility and the digital divide, computer security issues, evaluation of online materials, big data and the need for high performance computing, and an introduction to productivity software and programming constructs.

Respectfully submitted.

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