

AQC MINUTES

- Meeting:** Academic Quality Council
- Date/Time:** January 18, 2018, 3:00 p.m.
- Locations:** Winter Haven Campus – WMS 124
Lakeland Campus – LAC 1243
- Recorder:** Jayne Bell
- Attending Members:** April Robinson, Orathai Northern, Rafaela Ellis, Ben Gracy, Susan Moerschbacher, Erin Duce, Anna Butler, Greg Toole, Natalie Whitcomb, Norma Gaddy, Ray Oberg, Maria Lehoczky, Nicki Martin
- Attending Resource Members:** Donald Painter, Sylvester Little, Larry Pakowski, Kevin Jones
- Other Faculty/Staff:** Patty Linder, Cynthia Freitag

Welcome

Orathai welcomed everyone. A quorum was reached at 3:00 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2017:

Ray Oberg made a motion to approve; Natalie Whitcomb seconded. No further discussion; motion passed unanimously.

**II. Course End Term: EDP 4503 Observation, Assessment, and Evaluation of the Young Child
Presenter: Patty Linder**

Patty Linder proposed to end term EDP 4503, which is a required course for the BS in Early Childhood Education, saying that the course is basically a duplicate of EDF 4430, which is a required course for the BS in Elementary Education. Faculty teaching these courses determined they were both basically the same course as the measurements and objectives of the two courses were identical. They recommended to end term EDP 4503 and combine it into one course: EDF 4430. Both of these courses are rolled out this semester as two different courses; enrollment is small, but the syllabi are the same.

Sylvester Little wanted to know how many students were enrolled in these two courses this semester. His concern is that students may have excessive hours, for which the College can be criticized. Sylvester said we need to watch students who took EDP 4503 because if we don't, we could mistakenly conclude they are short a course. Donald said Patty will have to look at students who have taken or are taking EDP 4503, and if we are not going to offer the

course, she will submit a substitution for the new course. Right now the number of students in Early Childhood is very small, so it shouldn't be a problem. Patty will have to submit a program modification in February to reflect this change for the upcoming fall semester.

Maria Lehoczky moved to approve; Rafaela Ellis seconded. No further discussion; motion passed unanimously.

III. AA Program Outcomes and Program Review Process

Presenter: Donald Painter

Donald Painter said we are quickly approaching our SACS reaffirmation of accreditation. The onsite visit from our team will occur in the fall of 2020. We will spend the bulk of 2019 developing the compliance certification, which is where we go through every single SACS standard and prove to them that we are in substantial compliance. One item that could potentially cause problems with SACS is our AA degree program outcomes. We currently use the same set of five outcomes for both general education and the AA degree. SACS does not like that because if we can accomplish those five objectives in the 36 hours of general education, what are we getting out of the additional 24 hours of course work for the AA degree? Donald would like to get a group of faculty together who are interested in looking at some options and potentially developing what might be a 6th outcome for the AA degree. After we conclude that work and because of where we are with time lines, we would, if possible, want to bring back a proposal to AQC in April to have the additional outcome implemented so we can at least compile one good year of assessment for the new outcome to include in the SACS report we will be developing in 2019. Donald would then like to work with the same group to develop an AA program review process to have in place prior to submitting our compliance certification. Ben Gracy, Anna Butler, Natalie Whitcomb, Erin Duce, and Ray Oberg volunteered.

Ray Oberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Greg Toole seconded. Meeting adjourned: 3:14 p.m.