

Academic Board Minutes of 12 April 2005

.BG Donald Steven	COL Spike Metts, Jr
COL Al Finch	COL Earl Walker
COL Mark. Bebensee	Dr. Ray Jones
COL Al Gurganus	COL Gardel Feurtado
COL Bo Moore, Jr.	COL Jim Leonard
Dr. Dena Garner for LTC John Carter	COL Angie LeClercq
COL Peter Rembiesa	LTC Ken Brannan
LTC John Moore	LTC Steve Nida
LTC John Peeples	LTC Paul Rosenblum
COL Alan Ekrem	CDR John Snively for COL Lake
MAJ Anne Beddingfield	MAJ Sylvia Nesmith
LTC Margaret Francel, Guest	

BG Steven called the meeting to order at 3:15.

Item 1. Approval of Minutes of 15 March 2005

LTC Rosenblum moved the approval of the minutes of the 15 March 2005 meeting as they had been submitted. COL Finch seconded, and the motion carried without opposition.

Item 2. Curriculum Proposals

LTC Francel reported that the following curricula changes have been supported by the Curriculum and Instruction Committee.

History

COL Bo Moore moved and COL Gurganus seconded the approval of a new course HIST 464, "Silk Roads and Nomadic Empires." This has been a popular special topics course. The recommendation was unopposed.

Biology

LTC Rosenblum moved and COL Finch seconded the approval of a new course, "Conservation Ecology." The course number is to be assigned by the Registrar at above 406. LTC Francel suggested that this course might fit nicely into the new East Asian Studies minor. The recommendation was unopposed.

Mathematics and Computer Science

LTC John Moore moved and LTC Rosenblum seconded that the minor in Computer Programming include only one course at the 300-level. CSCI 223 is essential to the minor, and while it is taught in the sophomore year, it could easily be considered a junior-level course. The recommendation was unopposed.

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

COL Brannan moved and COL Peeples seconded the approval of an Internship in Civil and Environmental Engineering. This course will meet no requirement in the Civil Engineering major. The recommendation was unopposed.

Item 3. Veterans Program

The sequence of events related to reinstatement of the Day Veterans Program was reviewed: Resolution to reinstate by Faculty Council; positive report by subcommittee chaired by COL Lake; positive "straw poll" by Academic Board; concerns expressed that this step may lead to opening cadet classes to civilian students; need has not been documented; risk potentially high while benefit is potentially small. BG Steven indicated that personally he supports allowing those individuals who have served their country to come to The Citadel to continue their education. He asked that the Academic Board support making a report rather than a recommendation to the Board of Visitors and that discussions of this matter continue and involve the new President and Commandant. This position was unopposed.

Item 4. Faculty Attendance at Commencement

BG Steven indicated that approximately 80 faculty members were needed for each commencement and asked that the names of the faculty attending each be provided to MAJ Beddingfield by Friday, 22 April.

Item 5. Other Business

The Provost reminded the Board of the retirement lunch on 19 April for COL Zigli, BG Poole, and COL Ron Templeton. Because of so many retirements in December, a recognition lunch will be held late in the fall 2005 semester.

The Provost reported that he would be making a presentation to The Citadel Foundation Board and would be accompanied by Dean Fallon and Cadet Foltz who has received a number of fellowships and honors. The Provost plans to present the accomplishments of outstanding students at every opportunity. Following that theme, COL Gurganus and Cadet Palmer, our latest Fulbright recipient, will accompany the Provost to the Education, Curriculum and Faculty Liaison Committee of the Board of Visitors on 22 April. Four out of the last five Fulbright recipients have come from the German program.

COL Metts reminded the Board that catalog changes are due and asked that they be submitted by Friday, 29 April.

COL Metts also reported to the Board that the Board of Visitors would be considering at its 22-23 April meeting the issue of whether or not Day Student can be married and have dependents.

The Provost confirmed that all adjunct salaries, including full-time adjuncts, had been increased by 15%. Deans have discretionary funds to address special cases, and full-time, full-year

appointments, such as sabbatical replacements, are to be addressed on an individual basis with the Provost.

The Provost reported that he would be presenting to the Foundation his proposal for expending the 2005-06 award. He would be requesting additional funds in Faculty Start-up Funds, Cadet Travel, and Faculty Salary Supplements and additional flexibility in moving funds within major categories.

Col Rembiesa asked about the Presidential Search, and Col Bebensee reported that the search committee would be having its second meeting on 22 April.

It was reported that the Commandant's search was under way and that four candidates—one Citadel graduate and one graduate from each of the Service Academies—had visited campus.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:11.

Respectfully submitted,
Isaac S. Metts, Jr.
Associate Provost