

Academic Board Minutes of 15 March 2005

.BG Donald Steven	COL Spike Metts, Jr
COL Al Finch	COL Dennis Fallon
COL Dan Ouzts	Dr. Ray Jones
COL Al Gurganus	COL Gardel Feurtado
COL Bo Moore, Jr.	COL Jim Leonard
COL J. Blanton	LTC John Carter
LTC Ken Brannan	COL Angie LeClercq
LTC John Moore	LTC Steve Nida
LTC John Peeples	LTC Paul Rosenblum
COL Alan Ekrem	COL Richard Lake
MAJ Rob Carrow	LTC Bill Woolsey
MAJ Anne Beddingfield	MAJ Sylvia Nesmith
LTC Margaret Francel, Guest	

BG Steven called the meeting to order at 3:10 and thanked COL Metts for chairing the previous meeting.

Item 1. Approval of Minutes of 18 January 2005

COL Fallon moved the approval of the minutes of the 18 January 2005 meeting as they had been submitted. COL LeClercq seconded, and the motion carried without opposition.

Item 2. Curriculum Proposals

LTC Margaret Francel presented the following curriculum changes that had been recommended for approval by the Faculty Curriculum and Instruction Committee.

Mathematics and Computer Science

LTC John Moore moved and LTC Nida seconded the approval of a new course, MATH 451: Graph Theory. This course has been offered in the past as a Special Topics course. This motion was approved without opposition.

LTC John Moore moved and COL Fallon seconded a revision of the Minor in Management Information Systems. The proposed structure is the result of a joint effort by the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science and the School of Business Administration. The proposal was approved without opposition.

Department of Chemistry

COL Blanton moved and COL Finch seconded replacing CSCI 110 in the B.S. in Chemistry with Biochemistry Specialty with a General Elective and replacing CSCI 110 in the B.S. in Chemistry with an Approved Science/Mathematics Elective. The rationale for dropping CSCI 110 is that the College requires each student to pass the Computer Competency Test or pass CSCI 101 or 110. The Department of Chemistry feels that passing the CCT ensures that their students have adequate computer skills. The motion was approved without opposition.

Department of History

Col Gurganus moved and COL Finch seconded the approval of a new course, GEOG 301: Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS). This course will carry 4 credits; 3 lecture and 1 lab (2 hours per week). It will be taught by BG Michael Barrett who has completed 12 hours of graduate credit in this field at the University of Georgia. The computer lab in Bond 256 will be equipped to handle the laboratory portion of this course. The motion was passed without opposition.

LTC Francel encouraged deans and department heads to bring any curriculum matters before the Faculty Curriculum and Instruction Committee as soon as possible.

Item 3. Technical Project Management Graduate Certificate Program

LTC Peebles moved and COL Blanton seconded the approval of a 12-credit hour Technical Project Management (TPM) Graduate Certificate Program. COL Fallon explained the demand for the program from the perspective of practicing professionals in the Lowcountry. COL Fallon confirmed that the four graduate courses had been approved by the Graduate Council and that one criterion for admission would be 2 to 3 years of Project Management experience. He also reported that for those individuals in the Certification Program who wish to complete the MBA degree, the four Project Management courses will serve as electives. These courses will be taught as overloads by CPT Keith Plemmons who has considerable experience in the area of Project Management. The Advisory Committees for both Civil and Electrical Engineering support this certification program. The proposal passed without opposition.

Item 4. Veterans Program

COL Lake, chair of the committee to review the Faculty Council resolution to reinstate the Veterans Program, reported that the committee recommends that honorably discharged veterans be allowed to attend The Citadel on a space available, not to interfere, basis and that a more detailed report should be developed by staff.

The Provost proposed that the report of the committee be received with no action taken at this time. The Board agreed. In ensuing discussion, a number of issues were raised:

- What does space available really mean?

- What does “not to interfere” really mean?
- What about individuals in the National Guard or the Reserves or agencies such as Public Health?
- What is the real demand?
- Where could this action lead the College? Texas Tech? Norwich? North Georgia?

The Provost called for a “straw vote.” The vote was 15 to 4 in favor of reinstatement. The Academic Board has a generally positive view of reinstatement under tightly controlled conditions.

Item 5. Faculty Attendance at Commencement

The Provost reminded the Board that approximately 80 seats will be reserved for faculty at the Cadet and CGPS Commencements. He asked that deans and department heads provide MAJ Beddingfield the names of those faculty who will attend each commencement.

Item 6. Other Business

COL Metts reminded the Board that ITS offers only a single one-hour workshop to prepare freshmen to take the Computer Competency Exam and that the workshop concentrates on how to use Citadel network functions such as e-mail and network searches. While there is some exposure to WORD, no department or school should depend on this one-hour workshop to provide their students adequate computer skills.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15.

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