

Academic Board Minutes of 15 November 2005

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| BG Donald Steven | COL Spike Metts, Jr. |
| COL Earl Walker | COL Tony Johnson |
| COL Mark Bebensee | COL Al Gurganus |
| COL Bo Moore, Jr. | COL Randy Blanton |
| COL Jim Leonard | COL John Carter |
| COL Gardel Feurtado | COL Angie LeClercq |
| LTC Ken Brannan | LTC John Moore |
| LTC Steve Nida | LTC John Peeples |
| COL Alan Ekrem | COL Cardon Crawford |
| COL Kevin Frederick | MAJ Harry Davakos |
| MAJ Anne Beddingfield | MAJ Sylvia Nesmith |
| CPT Dubose Kapeluck, Guest | |

BG Steven called the meeting to order at 1515.

Item 1. Approval of Minutes of 20 September 2005

COL Walker moved and LTC Peeples seconded the approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved without objection.

Item 2. Proposals from Standing Faculty Committee on Curriculum and Instruction

CPT Dubose Kapeluck, Chair of the Faculty Committee on Curriculum and Instruction, presented the following curricular changes that had been approved by the Committee.

Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice presented four new courses:

- SOCI 433: Special Topics in Sociology
- SOCI 498: Independent Study
- ANTH 433: Special Topics in Anthropology
- PSCI 311: The Civil Rights Movement and American Politics

It was moved by COL Bo Moore and seconded by COL Bebensee that these courses be approved. The motion passed without opposition.

School of Business Administration presented the proposal that BADM 371, Leadership in Organizations, be required of all Business Administration majors. For Business Administration majors not pursuing the Accounting Concentration, BADM 371 will replace a Business Elective, and these students will continue to have 3 Non-Business Electives. For Accounting Concentration majors, BADM 371 will replace a Non-Business Elective, reducing that number to two. These changes would be effective for current sophomores and juniors who have not yet completed all Non-Business electives.

The arguments presented in favor of this change included:

- AACSB has questioned why, since The Citadel’s vision is to develop principled leaders, there is no course in leadership for business majors.
- Other professional degree programs--CE, EE, and Education--have few, if any, general electives.
- For a large majority of Business majors, this change will affect only Business Electives.

Concerns expressed:

- Considerable concern was expressed about an action that reduces an already limited number of electives.
- Concern was expressed at having accreditation drive curricular changes.
- If there is a concern on the part of AACSB regarding leadership in the Business curriculum, why can't this be addressed by adjusting several Business courses rather than taking away an Elective?
- Reducing the number of electives will have an impact on the number of students who can pursue a minors.
- The Provost echoed the concern expressed regarding the influence of accrediting agencies on curricula. He also pointed out that Education majors at the College of Charleston are required to take a language and charged Dean Johnson to discuss with the School of Education how to incorporate language into the undergraduate Education major.

The following counters were presented:

- Even with this change, Business majors take four semesters of language and have as many electives as other professional majors.
- While concern has been expressed by AACSB, this move to require a course in leadership is the decision of the Business Faculty.
- For the majority of Business majors, this change will have no impact on their ability to pursue a minor.

The School of Business agreed to permit students to substitute for BADM 371 leadership courses from other disciplines on a case by case basis.

The motion passed without opposition. There were two abstentions.

Item 3. Other Matters

BG Steven reminded the Board of the 29 November Greater Issues address by Arthur M. Blank, owner and CEO of the Atlanta Falcons and co-founder of Home Depot.

Col Metts and LTC John Moore provided an update on the testing of the electronic sign-in software LTC Moore had developed. The software was designed to permit students to sign in at the 1950 all-in from study areas outside the barracks. When tested for this purpose, everyone was very pleased with the results. However, the Commandant's Office wanted it to be used as an electronic all-in for everyone at 1950 and at 2300. The software was successfully modified, but the cadets did not like this approach. For the majority, it was much easier to have division inspectors do a quick check of each room than to sign onto their computers, call up the software, and sign in. This effort is on hold until the Commandant's Office and Corps decide how the software should be used.

Major Beddingfield reported that CPT Joelle Neulander had assisted students in her HIST 203 class develop presentations on the history of The Citadel using materials from the Museum/Archives. Presentations were made during an ESP and were very well received by the Fourth Class. COL Leclercq indicated that as a result of the success of this effort, additional primary sources in the Library will be digitized so that everyone can have access.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1600.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac S. Metts, Jr.
Associate Provost