

**Minutes of the Faculty Assembly
January 19, 2016**

The Asbury University Faculty Assembly convened at 10:50 on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 in Bennett-Bernard. The meeting was opened with thanks, concerns, and prayer.

The minutes from the last Faculty Assembly were approved.

Action Items

Recommendations from Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee meeting, Jan. 12, 2016.

Items from Natural Sciences Department: **MODIFY** two 4.0 credit biology courses each into a separate 3.0 lecture course and 1.0 lab course.

BIO 272 (4) Principles of Plant Biology modified to be:

BIO 272 (3) Principles of Plant Biology—The course provides an introduction to plant structure and physiology, development, reproduction, classification, diversity, and the roles plants play in ecological systems. The different ways humans depend on, and impact, plants in our changing world are also discussed. Three hours of lecture per week. Pre-requisite: BIO 202/204.

BIO 274 (1) Principles of Plant Biology Lab—The course provides experimentation that introduces students to numerous aspects of plant taxonomy and physiology. Experiments examining plant hormones, photosynthesis, transpiration, plant genetic modification, detection of plant transgenes, and plant tissue culture are included. Additional labs examine the morphology and life histories of major plant taxonomic groups. Three-hour lab per week. Pre- requisite: BIO 202/204. Fee.

BIO 272 (4) Principles of Plant Biology modified to be:

BIO 372 (3) Cell and Molecular Biology—An introduction to the regulation of cellular structure and function at the molecular level with an emphasis on the study of enzymes and nucleic acids. Three hours of lecture per week. Pre-requisites: BIO 201/203, BIO 202/204, CHE 121/123, CHE 122/124, CHE 201/202. (CHE 201 may be taken as Co-Requisite by permission of instructor).

BIO 374 (1) Cell and Molecular Biology Lab—Provides students with experience in various molecular biology techniques that are used in many fields of biological investigation. Techniques include, but are not limited to, protein isolation, agarose and polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, RNA isolation, cDNA synthesis and analysis, polymerase chain reaction, bacterial transformation and histological staining of tissue samples. Students will gain experience using instruments that allow digital data collection and analysis. Formal laboratory reports will be generated by students using a mock "peer review" system. Three-hour lab per week. Co-requisite: BIO 372. Fee.

A question was raised whether the lab was optional or required. The lab is optional. The motion passed.

Items from Education Department: **MOD** All P-12 education majors to now include current literacy course ED 385 (3.0 credits)

Within Ancient and Modern Languages Department

French (P-12) from 70.0 to 73.0 credit hours

Latin (P-12) from 74.0 to 77.0 credit hours

Spanish (P-12) from 73.0 to 76.0 credit hours

Within Art Department

Art (P-12) from 82.0 to 85.0 credit hours

Within Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Department

Health and Physical Education (P-12) from 82.0 credit to 85.0 credit hours

Within Music Department

Integrated Music (P-12) from 86.0-93.0 to 89.0-96.0 credit hours

The change will impact students who enter the School of Education after August 2016. The literacy course involves reading and writing across the curriculum. The motion passed.

Reports

Glen Hamilton offered some general updates – including updates on campus safety and security drills, issues related to Portal and the emergency texting system, upgrades to the campus management system, changes in the IT department, and the 2015 audit (which is nearly done).

Mike Hylen briefly spoke about the origins and goals of the Institutional Research Assessment & Development (IRAD) Taskforce which will be doing a survey later this week.

Tim Campbell introduced SEARCH, Asbury's Undergraduate Research Symposium. Janet Dean explained how projects will be submitted and judged and asked faculty to encourage students to submit projects to this year's symposium.

Announcements

From APCC: There is a new "Course Information Change Form" (Office of Registrar). There is a new Curriculum Timeline with dates and rationale. Tim Campbell pointed to the definition of credit hour in the Bulletin.

There is an updated student-athlete excuse form (Faculty Athletics Committee) that provides all the dates at once.

Jan. 25-29, Holiness Emphasis Week

Jan. 26, 11:00a-noon - Faculty Forum in Kinlaw Board Room, "Best Practices in the Classroom"

Jan. 28, 11:30a-12:30p - Brown Bag, Janet Dean: "Uncovering our Lost [Contemplative] Inheritance within the Self-Care Practices of Mental Health Clinicians"

Feb. 11, 7:30p - Choral Valentine Concert

Feb. 16, Faculty Assembly will be held in the Black Box Theater in the Miller Communications Building.

Feb. 18, 11:30a - 4SITE

Feb. 22-24, Chapels and 7:00p - Student Renewal and Revival

Mar. 3-5, Board of Trustees meetings

Mar. 3, 11:30-12:30 Dougherty - Brown Bag, Paul Vincent

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Devin Brown
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