

**BUCHTEL COLLEGE COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of September 22, 2008**

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IN ATTENDANCE: V. Friberg, B. Bagatto, A. Chen, F. Renna, H. Richter, and J. Li Vecchi, M. Shott, Z. Dang, D. Reep, W. Hixson, M. Wyszynski, D. Coffey, L. Deason, V. Callanan, R. Einsporn, K. Kreider, and A. Foos.

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: K. Kaut and E. Mancke

Chair Friberg called the meeting to order at 3:27 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. We approved the minutes of the March 31, 2008 meeting as written. (13 yes, 4 abstentions)
2. The officers for this year were introduced:
  - Vern Friberg, Chair
  - Kevin Kaut, Vice-Chair
  - Brian Bagatto, Secretary

NEW BUSINESS

1. The following college requirement was discussed:

“have a minimum grade-point average of 2.00 in all work in attempted in the major field, including all transfer work (excluding Political Science which requires 2.2)” (undergraduate Bulletin,p.102)

Dr. Foos relayed information from Dr. Francis on the vagaries of the wording in that it did not indicate whether all required courses in the degree or just courses in the home department were included in calculating the GPA. The BCC have been asked to interpret and rewrite the statement.

Several departments have additional criteria listed in their section of the undergraduate bulletin. Those departments that do not were asked to elaborate on any specific policies they use:

- Biology uses only department courses in calculating the GPA.
- Classical Studies has no specific departmental policy.
- Math would like several required to be included but not electives.
- Statistics counts several required courses.
- Economics has no specific departmental policy.
- Physics has no specific departmental policy.
- History has no specific departmental policy.
- Philosophy has no specific departmental policy.

A motion was made to change the words “work attempted in the major field” to “courses in the home department”. The motion passed unanimously.

It was asked that this change in wording be brought to each department by their BCC representative and convey to the departments to create additional requirements if any.

It was brought to the BCC’s attention that Arts and Science is the only college in the state that includes transfer credits in the College degree GPA requirement.

A motion was made to strike “, including transfer work” from the statement. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to fix associated wording resulting from the transfer work deletion. The motion passed unanimously.

## 2. Formation of BCC curriculum subcommittee:

Humanities	English	J. Bean
	Philosophy	J. Li Vecchi
Natural Sciences	Chemistry	W. Youngs
	Geology	D. Steer
Social Sciences	Geography and Planning	L. Siebert
	History	E. Mancke (chair)

3. Dr. Foos asked for volunteers for compiling rationales for lowering course numbers in History as it will also impact Language Arts.

E. Mancke was volunteered by her department representative, W. Hixson.

## 4. Information on 2 blanket proposals originating from the college:

DL classes must eventually have a mode of delivery change but can be included on a blanket proposal to increase efficiency of implementing this change.

A blanket proposal to delete courses not taught in 5 years was originated through the Provosts office. A list of courses went to department chairs for faculty review. Each department could then generate a list of courses to be exempt from deletion. There will be a departmental approval sheet to sign before the courses are moved forward for deletion.

## 5. BCC information on the website

A suggestion was made by Chair Friberg to begin posting relevant information including the BCC bylaws on the university website. Dr. Foos mention that the college is understaffed in that area of expertise and if there is someone on the BCC who is knowledgeable in creating links, they may have to volunteer for this task.

We adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Bagatto  
Secretary, Buchtel College Council