Faculty Council
March 22, 1999

Present: Bonnie Metcalf, DawnEEll Jacobs, Daniel Skubik, Jeff Cate, Bob Jabs, Erlinda Martinez, Wayne Swindall, Pat Kircher, Marsha Savage, Barbara Holohan, Bob Sheppy, Susanne Reid, Mary Crist, Dan Wilson, Tim Luther

- The meeting was opened with prayer.
- The minutes of the March 8, 1999 meeting were approved.
- Susanne Reid presented a proposal for a new course in music technology to be considered at the next meeting.
- The committee reviewed the proposal for a new communication arts course, Strategic Organizational Communication. This upper division elective course would also be used in the Business Administration and Organizational Management programs. The motion to approve Strategic Organizational Communication was made, seconded and passed.
- Scott Key presented the proposal for a Presidential Honors program. This program would utilize existing courses within the general education curriculum by designating a specific section of the selected courses as honors sections. Students in the program would also take an honors seminar each semester of the junior and senior years. Dr. Key proposed that a pilot program be started for Fall 1999. The motion to recommend the further development and implementation of the Presidential Honors Program was made, seconded and passed.
- The committee reviewed the recommendation to change the modern language requirement so that students who were able to test out of the first year language would be required to take a year of the language at a more advanced level. The committee recommended that for students who are not bilingual, the CLEP exam be the only means of testing out of a modern language. The motion to defeat the proposal to require a foreign language at a more advanced level for students who test out of the beginning level was made, seconded and passed. The motion to recommend use of the CLEP tests as the only means of testing out of a language was made, seconded and passed.
- The committee reviewed the proposal to change CST 247 World Religions to a philosophy course at the upper division level. (In the recommendations from the General Education Task Force, approved by the Faculty Council at the March 8, 1999 meeting, all Baptist students would be required to take CST 300 Baptist Though, and non-Baptist students would be required to take either CST 300 or World Religions.) The upper division philosophy course would be the alternative to CST 300 History of Baptist Thought for non-Baptist students. The motion to approve the changing of CST 247 to PHI 347 World Religions was made, seconded and passed.
- The committee reviewed the proposal from Dr. Wilson to add the “Focus on the Family” concentration to the Christian Studies program. This will be presented for vote at the next meeting.
- Dr. Crist outlined changes to the Special Education Credential which have been submitted to the Department of Education for approval. The committee will vote on these changes at the next meeting.
The committee reviewed the recommendations from the Academic Standards Committee regarding the minimum TOEFL score for international graduate students, a graduate probation and suspension policy, and eligibility for honor roll.

- Raise minimum TOEFL score for international graduate students from 520 to 550
- Probation and suspension policy for graduate students:
  
  A graduate student must maintain satisfactory academic standing in order to remain enrolled in a graduate program at CBU. Satisfactory academic standing for graduate students is a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale. Only grades of B- or above will fulfill requirements for a graduate degree.
  
  A student who fails to maintain the 3.0 GPA (cumulative and/or term) is placed on academic probation. Failure to remove this probationary status by achieving a 3.0 GPA at the end of the following semester will result in academic suspension. A graduate student who fails to attain a session GPA of at least 2.5 will be suspended at the end of that session, without a probationary semester.

- Policy for eligibility for Dean’s and President’s Honor Roll:
  
  Students will not be eligible for the Dean’s or President’s Honor Roll if they elect any of the following options:
  1. Request and receive an Incomplete;
  2. Receive an improved grade change due to make-up or additional academic work submitted after the close of the semester.

The motion to approve the recommendations of the Academic Standards Committee was made, seconded and passed.

- The motion to change the date of the Fall 2000 Faculty Convocation to coincide with a Founder’s Day Convocation, and to invite a guest speaker (other than the Faculty Member of the Year) was made, seconded and passed.

- Items Distributed:
  
  Information on faculty concerns
  Course proposal for Art and the Bible

- The meeting was adjourned.