

**Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Division of Information and Technology**

Program: Farm and Ranch Management

CHAIRPERSON: Richard Farmer		
MEETING DATE: 2-28-14	MEETING TIME: 12 Noon	MEETING PLACE: Dickey's Barbecue Pit
RECORDER: Shannon Conley		PREVIOUS MEETING: 10-21-13

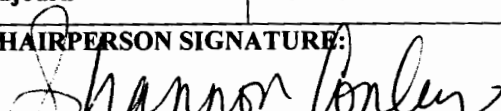
MEMBERS PRESENT:

Edward Alaniz, Assistant Manager, Tractor Supply	Absent:
Shannon Conley, Rancher – Previous Adjunct Instructor	Larry Brown, Manager, Farmers Coop
Josh Kieschnick, Farmer/Rancher	Richard Farmer, Student
Kyle Myers, VHS Ag Instructor	Justin Lehman, Farmer/Rancher
Joe Ed Word, Farmer/Rancher	Michael Overstreet, Dairy Farmer

OTHERS PRESENT:	
Shana Munson, Associate Dean of Career and Technical Education	
Dr. Gary Don Harkey, Dean of Instruction	Dr. Gary Don Harkey
Michael Schoppa, AGRI/FRM Instructor	Vicki Bradley, Faculty Assistant

Agenda Item	Action Discussion Information	Responsibility
Welcome	Welcome Members, Administration, and Staff	Michael Schoppa
Minutes	Approval	
Old Business	None	
Continuing Business	None	
New Business	Program Statistics: Graduates, majors, and enrollment	
	External Learning experiences, employment, and placement opportunities	
	Professional development of faculty	
	Promotion and publicity about the program to the community, business and industry	
	Needs of students from special population	
	Revision of Program Learning Outcomes Proposal	
	Other Remarks	
	With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned	
Adjourn		

MINUTES

Welcome	The Farm and Ranch Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 12: 10. Michael Schoppa welcomed committee members, administration, and staff. Expressed his appreciation to each member for their commitment and expertise to the Farm and Ranch Management Program.	
Minutes	Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Kyle Myers offered a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Joe Ed Word seconded the motion. Motion approved.	
Old Business	None	
Continuing Business	None	
New Business: Program Statistics: Graduates, Majors, Enrollment	Mr. Schoppa commented that this semester he has 35 students in 8 classes. In December of 2013 the Farm and Ranch Program had 2 Associate in Applied Science Degree completers. He stated that this spring the Farm and Ranch Program has an influx of students completing Core Curriculum courses for General Transfer degrees.	
External Learning Experiences, employment, and placement opportunities	Discussed Spring Practicum offerings, with 1 student employed in Vernon and 1 in Wichita Falls. Mr. Schoppa commented on external learning experiences: 6666's Ranch; NRCS – Soil Health Forum Workshop at Texas Agri life; Beef Cattle Workshop – Cattle Webinar by Kansas State; Wichita Falls Farm and Ranch Show; completed the Beef Quality Assurance Class certification for Agri Business Class, and Purchased software from Purdue University on Simulation of Agri Business Operations - completed by the Agri Business class.	
Professional development of faculty	Mr. Schoppa commented that he has completed various Professional Development classes at Vernon College, and will be attending the Teachers Professional Development Conference in Abilene.	
Promotion and Publicity about the program to the community and to business and industry	Mr. Schoppa stated that he will be setting up VC display booths for promoting/recruiting the Farm and Ranch Program at: Gen Tex Day in May, State 4-H Round Up in June at Texas A&M University; and the State FFA Convention. He has also participated in the Wichita Falls Sophomore Roundup, Girls/Guys Night out, and judged/assisted with 3 area livestock shows. Plus, gave a presentation at the Vernon Rotary Club.	
Needs of students from special populations	This semester there is 1 student with hearing disabilities – students' needs are being met.	
Proposed Revision of Program Learning Outcomes	Reviewed and discussed the <i>Proposed</i> Farm and Ranch Management Program Learning Outcomes. Dr. Gary Don Harkey commented on state mandates, the change in philosophy of instructors and employers of this day in time. The employers are not as interested in an exact degree – more interested in the knowledge, skills, team work, discipline, and critical thinking. Shannon Conley made a motion to accept the <i>Proposed</i> Farm and Ranch Management Program Learning Outcomes as presented. Kyle Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried.	
Other Remarks	Mr. Schoppa stated that he has had phone calls and emails with interest of VC offering AGRI/FRM classes in the Wichita Falls area, online classes, and ITV classes. In closing, Mr. Schoppa gave the committee an assignment. Please review the current Course Description/Outcomes in the handouts. Vernon College would like your advice and knowledge for the program to have successful student completers for employable transfer courses and non-transferable courses.	
Adjourn	With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm	
CHAIRPERSON SIGNATURE: 	DATE: 2-28-14	NEXT MEETING: Fall 2014