

**2014-2015
Mid-Year
Committee/Advisory Council Report**

Committee Name: Academic Council

Chairperson: Dr. Gary Don Harkey

List of members: Dr. Brad Beauchamp, Cathy Bolton, Christina Feldman, Greg Fowler, Clara Garza, Dr. Karen Gragg, Marian Grona, Kristin Harris, Joe Hite, Mark Holcomb, Bettye Hutchins, Dr. Adrien Ivan, Joe Johnston, Lynn Kalski, Melissa Moore, and Shana Munson

Dates of meetings: September 19, 2014, October 17, 2014, and November 21, 2014

Accomplishments:

September 19, 2014 –

1. Reviewed the duties of Academic Council as listed in the *2014-2015 Employee Handbook*. Council members will receive reports from the Discipline Evaluation Subcommittee, the Program Evaluation Subcommittee, and the Core Objective Assessment Subcommittee.

October 17, 2014 –

1. Revised the course description, effective spring 2015, for KINE 1306 First Aid to include certification from the American Heart Association in first aid, CPR and AED.
2. Council members approved the addition of SPCH 1318 Interpersonal Communication to the Vernon College course inventory as an elective option effective spring 2015.
3. Council members approved the addition of MTRN 0040 Math Transitions to the Vernon College course inventory. This non-course based option, available spring 2015, is designed for students scoring below ABE level 5 on the TSI Assessment. This is a zero-tuition intervention to prepare students for successful completion of MATH0310.

November 21, 2014 –

1. Council members approved the addition of BIOL 1411 General Botany and BIOL 1413 General Zoology to the Vernon College course inventory effective fall 2015. Upon approval of the Board of Trustees, an application will be sent to the THECB to include these courses in college's core curriculum.

2. By unanimous vote, council members approved an addition of a prerequisite of 'consent of instructor' for AUMT 2310 Automotive Service Consultant.
3. Council members approved a recommendation to increase the special fee for EMSP 1362 Clinical-Emergency Medical Technology/Technician EMT Paramedic (A) to \$187.00 effective fall 2015. This fee will allow for utilization of FISDAP, a software tracking system for scheduling, clinicals, skills tracking, comprehensive exams, unit exams and preceptorship training for CoAEMSP, the national registry accreditation.
4. A motion to revise the Industrial Automation Systems A.A.S. degree plan received unanimous approval. ITSE 1402 Computer Programming and MCHN 2444 Advanced Machining I will be added to the list of TBA elective courses effective fall 2015.
5. A revision to the Associate Degree Nursing Program effective fall 2015 received unanimous approval. RNSG 1105 Nursing Skills I will be removed and RNSG 1205 Nursing Skills I will be added. This change allows instructors to incorporate microbiology principles into the curriculum and helps to meet the 60 semester hour requirements for the program.
6. Effective fall 2015, the Surgical Technology Program will offer an A.A.S. degree as well as a certificate of completion. The program currently requires 45 semester hours of major and related requirements and the addition of 15 hours of core curriculum meets the 60 semester hours for the degree.

Recommendations:

1. Council members recommended to the Vernon College Board of Trustees the addition of BIOL 1411 General Botany and BIOL 1413 General Zoology to the Vernon College course inventory effective fall 2015.
2. Council members recommended to the Vernon College Board of Trustees an increase of the special fee for EMSP 1362 Clinical-Emergency Medical Technology/Technician EMT Paramedic (A) to \$187.00 effective fall 2015. This fee will allow for utilization of FISDAP, a software tracking system for scheduling, clinicals, skills tracking, comprehensive exams, unit exams and preceptorship training for CoAEMSP, the national registry accreditation.

Membership suggestions: N/A

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