

**2016-2017  
Mid-Year  
Committee/Advisory Council Report**

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Committee Name: Academic Council

Chairperson: Dr. Gary Don Harkey

List of members: Dr. Brad Beauchamp, Mathematics; Sherrie Denham, Director of Vocational Nursing; Shana Drury, Associate Dean of Instructional Services; Christina Feldman, Director of Continuing Education; Greg Fowler, Criminal Justice/Division Chair Behavioral & Social Sciences; Marian Grona, Director of Library Services; Kristin Harris, Associate Dean of Student Services; Joe Hite, Dean of Admissions & Financial Aid/Registrar. Mark Holcomb, Industrial Automation Systems/Division Chair Information & Technology; Bettye Hutchins, History/Faculty Senate Representative; Joe Johnston, English/Division Chair Communications; Melissa Moore, Early College Start Coordinator; Mary Rivard, Director of Associate Degree Nursing; Chase Thornton, History/ Faculty Senate Representative; and Paula Whitman, Mathematics/Division Chair Mathematics & Science.

Dates of meetings: September 23, 2016, October 28, 2016, November 8, 2016, and December 9, 2016

Accomplishments:

September 23, 2016 –

1. Council members reviewed the Substantive Change Policy. The policy includes approximately 26 topical areas including but not limited to: 1) course and degree offerings; 2) instructional locations; and 3) the college's mission statement, governance and legal status. Betsy explained that approval from Academic Council and College Effectiveness Committee and the Board of Trustees precedes notification to SACSCOC. Failure to follow the substantive change policy and procedures could result in loss of Title IV funding or the requirement to reimburse money received. The process of receiving final approval can take up to 6 months.
2. Dr. Harkey reminded council members that SACSCOC requires notification of any instructional location that will offer 25-49% of a certificate or degree. Fifteen semester hours of coursework reaches the 25% threshold for A.A., A.S. and A.A.T. degrees. Administrators at Burkburnett ISD have expressed interest in expanding their participation in dual credit during the 2017-18 academic year and a potential may exist for a student to get 25-49% of an A.A., A.S., or A.A.T. degree on site. Jason Scheller made a motion to notify SACSCOC of the institutions' intent to offer 25%-49% of the AS, AA, and AAT degrees on site at Burkburnett ISD. Greg Fowler seconded the motion and committee members voted unanimously in approval.
3. Vernon College voluntarily and temporarily withdraw its request for CoAEMSP accreditation of the Emergency Medical Services Paramedic Program. A new program director was hired and he is currently reviewing the program strengths and weaknesses

and implementing improvements which will help to prepare the college to seek full accreditation and reinstate the Paramedic program as quickly as possible.

October 28, 2016 –

1. *(all motions presented during this meeting were tabled)*

November 8, 2016 –

1. Council members voted electronically in approval of adding ACAS 0201 Academic Algebra Skills effective Spring 2017. The Department of Education's policy states: If the college deems it in the best interest of the student to take a developmental class that is not required then students must be notified that:

ACAS 0201 will not count toward a degree. There is a 30 semester hour limit for developmental course work for any individual student. For financial aid purposes, developmental hours attempted beyond the 30 hour limit will not be included in the student's course load for determining enrollment status. Federal regulations limit a student's lifetime eligibility for the Pell Grant and the Direct Subsidized loan. All classes, regardless if they are developmental or college level, will count toward the student's lifetime eligibility for these programs. Developmental courses, which do not apply toward the student's degree or certificate, can exhaust the student's eligibility for Pell Grants and/or Direct Subsidized Loans before the student completes their program.

December 9, 2016 –

1. Council members approved the following course revisions for the Emergency Medical Services Paramedic program:

EMSP 1260 Clinical-Emergency Medical Technology/Technician

Prerequisite: Concurrently enrolled in EMSP 1501 or consent of instructor. Lab Fee: \$24.00; Special Fees: Program Fee: \$50.00; FISDAP Fee: \$35.00; National Registry Testing Fee: \$80.00; Liability Insurance Fee: \$20.00 (Charged once each academic year)

EMSP 1338 Introduction to Advanced Practice

Prerequisites: Licensed EMT-B; concurrently enrolled in EMSP 1355, EMSP 1356, and EMSP 1362 or consent of instructor. Lab Fee: \$24.00; Special Fees: Program Fee \$50.00; EMS-A testing fee \$60.00

EMSP 1355 Trauma Management

Prerequisites: Licensed EMT-B; concurrently enrolled in EMSP 1338, EMSP 1356, and EMSP 1362 or consent of instructor. Lab Fee: \$24.00; Special Fees: Program Fee \$50.00

EMSP 1356 Patient Assessment and Airway Management

Prerequisites: Licensed EMT-B; concurrently enrolled in EMSP 1338, EMSP 1355, and EMSP 1362 or consent of instructor. Lab Fee: \$24.00; Special Fees: Program Fee \$50.00

EMSP 1362 Clinical-Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic) (A)

Prerequisites: Licensed EMT-B; concurrently enrolled in EMSP 1338, EMSP 1355, and EMSP 1356 or consent of instructor. Lab Fee: \$24.00; Special Fees: Program Fee \$50.00

EMSP 1501 Emergency Medical Technician

Prerequisites: Admission to the EMS Program; concurrently enrolled in EMSP 1260 or consent of instructor. Lab Fee: \$24.00; Special Fees: Program Fee: \$50.00; EMS-B testing fee: \$45.00

2. Council members approved revision of the prerequisite for MATH 1350 Mathematics for Teachers I to read: Prerequisite: MATH 1314 with a grade of "C" or better. They also approved revision of the prerequisite for MATH 1351 Mathematics for Teachers II to read: Prerequisite: MATH 1350 Mathematics for Teachers I.
3. Council members approved the addition of DRAM 2366 Introduction to Cinema to the college's course inventory and also as a selection option in the Core Curriculum in Creative Arts Component Area.

#### Recommendations:

1. Council members recommended that Vernon College voluntarily and temporarily withdraw its request for CoAEMSP accreditation of the Emergency Medical Services Paramedic Program pending a review of the program strengths and weaknesses and the implementation of improvements which will help to prepare the college to seek full accreditation and reinstate the Paramedic program as quickly as possible.
2. Council members recommended to the Vernon College Board of Trustees the addition of ACAS 0201 Academic Algebra Skills effective Spring 2017.

Membership suggestions: N/A

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