

**ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Friday, March 9, 2018**  
**Interactive Video Classrooms**  
**Vernon Campus and Century City Center**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vernon College Position</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Shana Drury	Associate Dean of Instructional Services, Interim Chair	X	
Dr. Brad Beauchamp	Coordinator of Instructional Assessment, Mathematics Instructor	X	
Sherrie Denham	Director of Vocational Nursing		X
Christina Feldman	Director of Continuing Education	X	
Greg Fowler	Division Chair Behavioral & Social Sciences, Criminal Justice Instructor	X	
Clara Garza	Counselor		X
Marian Grona	Director of Library Services		X
Kristin Harris	Associate Dean of Student Services	X	
Joe Hite	Dean of Admissions & Financial Aid/Registrar	X	
Mark Holcomb	Division Chair Information & Technology, Industrial Automation Systems Instructor	X	
Bettye Hutchins	SACSCOC Leadership Team, History Instructor	X	
Dr. Adrien Ivan	Faculty Senate Representative, History Instructor	X	
Joe Johnston	Division Chair Communications, English Instructor	X	
Melissa Moore	Early College Start Coordinator	X	
Dr. Mary Rivard	Director of Associate Degree Nursing	X	
Chase Thornton	Faculty Senate Representative, Government Instructor	X	
Paula Whitman	Division Chair Mathematics & Science, Mathematics Instructor	X	

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

Approval of Minutes –

Greg Fowler motioned to approve the February 9, 2018 Academic Council meeting minutes seconded by Mark Holcomb. The motion received unanimous approval

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Biology

Paula Whitman made a motion to add BIOL 1408 General Biology I and BIOL 1409 General

Biology II to the college's course inventory effective Fall 2018. She explained that these courses are well suited for non-biology majors. Greg Fowler seconded the motion. Committee members suggested that the course descriptions be amended to include the following statement: "This course is recommended for non-science majors." Paula revised her motion to include the statement for both courses. Upon approval, these course additions must be reported to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as revisions to our core curriculum. Joe Johnston asked about the transferability of these courses to MSU and Paula said she would double-check to make sure there will be no problems. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

B. ENGL 0306 Integrated Reading and Writing II

Joe Johnston motioned to offer ENGL 0306 Integrated Reading and Writing II as a co-requisite to ENGL 1301 Composition I. House Bill 2223 includes 15 criteria in addition to the cut scores for the TSI exam. The bill directs that developmental course offerings should help students improve their skills without slowing down the time it takes to complete a degree. Co-requisite course offerings are designed to meet that directive. Mark Holcomb seconded the motion and it received unanimous approval.

C. Behavioral and Social Sciences

Greg Fowler made a motion to delete the following courses because they are no longer offered at Vernon College.

CRIJ 1306 Court Systems and Practices

CRIJ 1310 Fundamentals of Criminal Law

GOVT 2304 Introduction to Political Science

Adrien Ivan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

D. Information Technology

Mark Holcomb motioned to delete the following courses because they are no longer included in the college's certificate or degree plans.

ITSC 1409 Integrated Software Applications I

ITSW 1407 Introduction to Database.

Greg Fowler seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

E. Developmental Education Student Success Requirements

Joe Johnston made a motion to require students that are enrolled in two or more developmental courses to also enroll in EDUC 1300 Learning Framework. He explained that these students are among the at-risk student population that will benefit from this course because it helps identify the student's strengths and weaknesses as strategic learners. Mark Holcomb seconded the motion. Joe Hite pointed out that EDUC 1300 is a college-level course and it is not required or listed as an option in any of our degree plans. Although the course can be used as an elective, the course will be covered by financial aid only if the student is lacking elective hours for his/her degree. Joe Hite also expressed concerns about whether the college can mandate that students take a transfer course along with the required developmental courses. He suggested that the committee consider selecting the developmental version of Learning Framework instead of the transfer course; Joe cautioned that this choice would take students closer to meeting their maximum allowed developmental coursework. Kristin Harris commented that the college will need to offer more sections of

Learning Framework including evening offerings if this course mandate is approved. She also suggested that the course should be taught by a dedicated instructor instead of various adjunct faculty.

Due to the number of questions and concerns about this proposal, Greg Fowler moved to table the motion seconded by Joe Johnston. The committee voted unanimously in favor of tabling the motion until March 29, 2018. Brad Beauchamp will collect data relating to the success of Vernon College students that have taken EDUC 1300 as opposed to students that did not take the course and he will present that report at the meeting.

### **III. OTHER**

#### **A. Core Objective Assessments Update**

Brad is working on the 10-Year State Core Curriculum Report which is due later this spring. Students will be assessing Communication toward the end of this current semester.

#### **B. Pharmacy Technician Day Program**

Shana advised committee members that the November 2017 Academic Council Meeting packet included an incorrect certificate plan. The Pharmacy Technician Day Program will include Fall and Spring Block offerings only effective Fall 2018. The certificate plan for the evening program will continue to include courses in the spring, summer, and fall semesters.

#### **C. The next Academic Council meetings will be Thursday, March 29, 2018. The meeting time will be emailed to committee members.**

### **IV. ADJOURN**