

ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Friday, October 25, 2013
Interactive Video Classrooms
Vernon Campus and Century City Campus

Present: Shana Munson, acting chair; Dr. Brad Beauchamp, Jessica Bennett, Cathy Bolton, Greg Fowler, Marian Grona, Mark Holcomb, Kristin Harris, Joe Hite, Bettye Hutchins, Dr. Adrien Ivan, Joe Johnston, Lynn Kalski, and Sharon Winn. Absent: Dr. Gary Don Harkey, Chair; Dr. Karen Gragg, and Michelle Wood.

I. Old Business

A. Approval of Minutes

Greg Fowler motioned to accept the September 27, 2013 minutes seconded by Mark Holcomb. The motion passed unanimously.

II. New Business

A. Industrial Automation Systems

Mark Holcomb made a motion to revise the Industrial Automation Systems A.A.S. program by deleting CETT 1407 Fundamentals of Electronics and COSC 1301 Introduction to Computing and to add CETT 1307 Fundamentals of Electronics effective fall 2014. He explained that these changes will enable the program to meet the 60 semester credit hour rule for associate degrees. Both CETT 1307 and COSC 1301 will be included in the TBA electives in the degree. Likewise, these changes to the certificate of completion will reduce the current 49 semester credit hours to 42 and the certificate will remain a Level 2 certificate. Greg Fowler seconded the motion. Shana Munson pointed out that all references to Tech Prep (TP) will be removed from the catalog and will be replaced with (A) with a footnote explaining that an articulated course may be awarded for an equivalent high school courses. Council members unanimously voted their approval of this motion.

B. Joe Johnston gave an overview of the process employed for the core curriculum course selections. In the form of a motion, Joe stated that the Vernon College Core Curriculum Taskforce recommends a mandated 42 hour core curriculum, effective fall 2014, that addresses the Foundational Component Areas and assures accurate and adequate measurements for the Core Objectives assigned to each Area and course in the Component Area Option. Mark Holcomb seconded the motion. Joe referenced the information included in the meeting packet for specific details about the committee's selection process. Shana thanked members of the taskforce for their successful efforts. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Joe Johnston made a motion to add ACRW 0210 Academic Reading and Writing and ENGL 0305 Developmental Reading and Writing effective spring 2014. He explained that ACRW 0210 is a Non-Course Based Option for the newly implemented TSI Assessment in accordance with the THECB Developmental Education Mandate and the S3 Grant. This course is designed for the "bubble" student that is within one point of passing the placement test in both English and reading. ENGL 0305 addresses the same mandates but is designed for students scoring under 361 in English with an essay score 4 or below and reading scores below 349. Sharon Winn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Joe Johnston made a motion, effective spring 2014, to add ACMS 0001 Academic Mathematics Skills Lab on behalf of Dr. Karen Gragg who could not attend the meeting. This is a non-course based option for students that successfully complete elementary algebra topics in MATH 0310 and that have Math TSI assessment scores under 350. This course will be taken concurrently with MATH 1332 Contemporary Mathematics. Kristin Harris had questions about the wording of the prerequisites and she explained that it is very important to clearly define the guidelines for our students. Because Dr. Gragg was not able to attend the meeting, Shana Munson asked council members to table the discussion until the November meeting.

III. Other

- A. The next Academic Council Meeting will be Friday, November 22nd at 11:00 am in VER204 and CCC712.

IV. Adjourn

The committee voted unanimously to adjourn.