

ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, November 21, 2014

Interactive Video Classrooms

Vernon Campus and Century City Campus

Present: Dr. Gary Don Harkey, Chair; Dr. Brad Beauchamp, Greg Fowler, Dr. Karen Gragg, Marian Grona, Kristin Harris, Joe Hite, Bettye Hutchins, Dr. Adrien Ivan, Joe Johnston, and Lynn Kalski.
Absent: Christina Feldman, Mark Holcomb, and Melissa Moore (Sophomore Roundup at STC);
Cathy Bolton and Shana Munson (attending conferences)

I. Old Business

A. Approval of Minutes

Greg Fowler motioned to accept the October 17, 2014 minute, seconded by Bettye Hutchins. The motion passed unanimously.

II. New Business

A. BIOL 1411 General Botany and BIOL 1413 General Zoology

Dr. Karen Gragg made a motion to add BIOL 1411 General Botany and BIOL 1413 General Zoology to the Vernon College course inventory, effective Fall 2015. Joe Johnston seconded the motion. Dr. Gragg explained that she received numerous requests for these courses from students in Wichita Falls over the past year. She plans to offer one section of General Botany in the fall and one section of General Zoology in the spring at the Century City Center. Dr. Harkey stated that upon approval by the Vernon College Board of Trustees the courses will be added to the core curriculum selections for math and science. An application will be submitted to the THECB to revise the core curriculum. Colleges may submit an application for core curriculum revisions to the Coordinating Board one time per year. Council members unanimously approved the motion.

B. Automotive Technology

In Mark Holcomb's absence, Dr. Harkey highlighted corrections for the Automotive Technology certificate and degree catalog listings including: adding the articulated credit notation (A) to AUMT 1410 Automotive Brake Systems and AUMT 1419 Automotive Engine Repair and removing the articulated credit notation from AUMT 2417 Automotive Engine Performance Analysis I. Another catalog correction is the total semester credit hours for the Automotive Certificate of Completion should read 29-31. Dr. Harkey motioned to add a prerequisite of Consent of Instructor to the course description for AUMT 2310 Automotive Service Consultant. Greg Fowler seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

In Shana Munson's absence, Dr. Harkey made a motion to increase the special fee for EMSP 1362 to \$187.00. This one-time fee allows 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. He explained that the accreditation is portable and may be transferred state-to-state. Dr. Ivan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in approval.

D. Industrial Automation Systems

Speaking on Mark Holcomb's behalf, Dr. Harkey made a motion to add ITSE 1402 Computer Programming and MCHN 2444 Advanced Machining I to the list of TBA elective courses for the Industrial Automation Systems A.A.S. degree plan. Bettye Hutchins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

E. Associate Degree Nursing

In Cathy Bolton's absence, Dr. Harkey made a motion to delete RNSG 1105 Nursing Skills I and add RNSG 1205 Nursing Skills I. He explained that due to the necessary reduction of the nursing curriculum from the current 72 SCH to the mandated 60 semester hour maximum, BIOL 2420 (Microbiology), BIOL 1322 (Diet & Nutrition Therapy), SPCH 1315 (Public Speaking), and GOVT 2305 (Federal Government) were dropped from the degree requirements. An additional semester hour for Nursing Skills I will meet the mandated 60 SCH rule and allow instructors to incorporate Microbiology principles into the course instruction. Joe Hite seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval. Dr. Harkey added that the SACSCOC required minimum 15 hour core curriculum for the Associate Degree Nursing Program includes ENGL 1301, BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, PSYC 2301, MATH 1332 or MATH 1314, and the language, philosophy and culture or creative arts elective.

F. Surgical Technology

Dr. Harkey reported that by 2019 all surgical technologists must have at least an Associate in Applied Science degree. In reviewing transcripts of recent Surgical Technology Certificate of Completion graduates, most students are close to having the necessary courses required for an associate's degree. Since the current major and related requirements total 45 semester hours, the addition of 15 hours of general education requirements will bring the program to 60 semester hours for the degree. This move should help to minimize attrition because applicants to the program will have successfully completed the prerequisite courses. Dr. Harkey motioned to add the Surgical Technology A.A.S. degree effective Fall 2015. Marian Grona seconded the motion. Committee members voted unanimous approval.

III. Other

A. The next Academic Council Meeting will be Friday, January 30, 2015, at 11:00 am.

IV. Adjourn

The committee voted unanimously to adjourn.