

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

Member	Vernon College Position	Present	Not Present
Dr. Elizabeth “Lisa” Crandall	Vice President of Instructional Services, Co-Chair	X	
Shana Drury	Associate Dean of Instructional Services, Co-Chair	X	
Dr. Brad Beauchamp	Coordinator of Instructional Assessment, Mathematics Instructor	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	
Mark Holcomb	Division Chair Information & Technology, Industrial Automation Systems Instructor		X
Bettye Hutchins	Faculty Senate Representative, History Instructor		X
Joe Johnston	Division Chair Communications, English Instructor	X	
Melissa Moore	Early College Start Coordinator	X	
Kirk Polk	Government/ Faculty Senate Representative	X	
Amanda Raines	Director of Enrollment Management/ Registrar	X	
Dr. Mary Rivard	Director of Associate Degree Nursing	X	
Steven Underhill	Business Administration/ Faculty Senate President	X	
Paula Whitman	Division Chair Mathematics & Science, Mathematics Instructor	X	

I. OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes – October 19, 2018

Shana Drury made a motion to accept the October 19, 2018 minutes, seconded by Greg Fowler. The motion passed unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Associate Degree Nursing

Mary Rivard

At the recommendation of the Associate Degree Nursing Advisory Committee, Mary Rivard made a motion to revise the Associate Degree Nursing Program as follows:

Course Addition

- RNSG 1146 Legal & Ethical Issues in Nursing

Course Deletion

- RNSG 1246

Generic Degree Plan

- Add BIOL 2420 Microbiology for Non-Science Majors to the General Education Requirements and remove the college level math requirement
- Increase the General Education Requirements from 20 to 21 semester hours
- The Major Requirements change from 34 semester hours to 33 semester hours
- Under Occupational Skills Award, Add RNSG 1146 Legal & Ethical Issues for Nursing and delete RNSG 1246 Legal & Ethical Issues for Nursing
- The Occupational Skills Award changes from 12 semester hours to 11 semester hours

LVN Transition Degree Plan

- Add BIOL 2420 Microbiology for Non-Science Majors to the General Education Requirements and remove the college level math requirement
- Increase the General Education Requirements from 20 to 21 semester hours
- The Major Requirements change from 26 semester hours to 25

Discussion:

Kristin Harris pointed out that non-TSI-clear students will face challenges with their financial aid because although math is not included in the ADN degree plan, students still have to deal with TSI requirements prior to their acceptance into the program. The group also discussed the 5-year cycle for students to use a catalog and degree plans. Mary commented that the *2019-2020 General Catalog* will include the math requirements and Microbiology will be listed in the *2020-2021 General Catalog*. Another option discussed for providing a smooth transition from the math requirement to the biology requirement was to remove the Pre-Nursing major option and replace it with a more generic Pre-Allied Health major.

With more questions arising about the transition, committee members agreed to table the motion until the January 2019 Academic Council Meeting.

B. Welding Program

Mark Holcomb

(Mark Holcomb was unable to attend the meeting.) At the recommendation of the Welding Advisory Committee, Shana Drury made a motion to make the following revisions to the program effective Fall 2019:

Course additions:

- WLDG 1313 Introduction to Blueprint Reading for Welders
- WIDG 1317 Introduction to Layout and Fabrication
- WLDG 2443 Advanced Shielded metal Arc Welding (SMAW)
- WLDG 2447 Advanced Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW)

Course deletions:

- WLDG 1413 Introduction to Blueprint Reading for Welders
- WLDG 1417 Introduction to Layout and Fabrication

Degree Plan Revisions

- A.A.S. Degree
Remove the 6-hour Related Requirements of OSHT 1309 Physical Hazards Control and the 3-semester hour elective

Verification of Workplace Competencies: Capstone Experience – WLDG 2413
Intermediate Welding Using Multiple Processes

Non-degree seeking students may choose the Level 1 Basic Welding Certificate of Completion totaling 25 semester hours with a probable completion time of 2 semesters. Those interested in more advanced training can complete the Level 1 Advanced Welding Certificate of Completion with a probable completion time of 2 semesters.

Greg Fowler seconded the motion and the committee voted unanimously in approval.

III. OTHER

- A. Core Objective Update Brad Beauchamp
Brad reported that students are assessing Personal Responsibility during the Fall 2018 semester. Brad will receive the faculty members' End of Semester Course Reviews (ESCR) in December.
- B. The next Academic Council Meeting will be Friday January 25, 2019.

IV. ADJOURN