

ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, January 31, 2014

Interactive Video Classrooms

Vernon Campus and Century City Campus

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

I. Old Business

A. Approval of Minutes

Greg Fowler motioned to accept the November 22, 2013 minutes seconded by Marian Grona. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Suggested Transfer Curriculum

Dr. Harkey reported that the Suggested Transfer Curriculum item tabled during the November meeting will once again be tabled due to THECB questions.

II. New Business

A. Business Management

Joe Hite, as substitute for Mark Holcomb, motioned to delete ACNT 1303 and ACNT 1304 from the Business Management Certificate of Completion and A.A.S. degree plans and from the Vernon College Course Inventory effective fall 2014. The preferred courses are ACCT 2401 and ACCT 2402. Greg Fowler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Course Deletions

Jessica Bennett made a motion to delete DFTG 1315 and DFTG 2340 from the course inventory because the courses are not included in any award or elective. Joe Hite seconded the motion and the committee voted unanimously in approval.

C. Licensed Vocational Nursing

Lynn Kalski motioned to revise the Licensed Vocational Nursing Certificate of Completion to comply with Coordinating Board requirements and to satisfy requirements for Perkins and Financial Aid eligibility. Revisions include:
VNSG 1320 Anatomy and Physiology for Allied Health contact hours changed from 48 (3-0) to 64 (3-1);
VNSG 1329 Medical-Surgical Nursing I contact hours changed from 64 (3-1) to 80 (2-3);
VNSG 1330 Maternal-Neonatal Nursing contact hours changed from 64 (3-1) to 80 (2-3);
VNSG 1460 Clinical-Licensed Vocational Nursing contact hours changed from 384 (0-24) to 320 (0-20)
VNSG 1360 Clinical-Licensed Vocational Nursing – Delete this course from the inventory and the Certificates of Completion. This course is no longer required due to revisions of the course schedule and course contact hours to keep the hours students are in class and in clinicals each week to 40 or less as required by the Board of Nursing; Karen Gragg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

D. POFT 2312 Business Correspondence and Communications

Greg Fowler motioned to revise the course prerequisites to remove COSC 1301 leaving only POFT 1429 Beginning Keyboarding. Michelle Wood seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in approval.

E. Mathematics

Karen Gragg motioned to revise the prerequisite for MATH 1314, MATH 1414, MATH 1332, and MATH 1342 to read: Texas Success Initiative complete in math. Joe Johnston seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Gragg motioned to delete MATH 0111 Developmental Non-Course-Based Option for Intermediate Algebra and MATH 0302 Intermediate Algebra. These courses are no longer needed because course materials are now covered by MATH 0310. Jessica Bennett seconded the motion and committee members voted unanimously in approval.

Dr. Gragg made a motion to revise MATH 0310 by adding intermediate topics into the course. She also stated that the course description should state that the course may be repeated twice for credit. The course prerequisite will state that the course is designed for students who are not TSI clear in math. Jessica Bennett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A companion course to MATH 1332 will be ACMS 0101 Academic Mathematics Skills, a non-course-based option for bubble students falling just short of successful TSI scores in math or students identified by coursework in MATH 0310. Dr. Gragg motioned to add ACMS 0101 to the course inventory seconded by Adrien Ivan and unanimously approved by council members.

Dr. Harkey congratulated the Math Department for their successful efforts with the S3 Grant and for developing a grading system for developmental math students that determines whether the student will move on to the next level of remediation. He commented that the Developmental English and Reading courses will most likely follow this model to assess course completion.

F. Kinesiology

Karen Gragg made a motion to delete the PHED theory courses and replace them with the mirror KINE prefix courses. Karen included in the motion the deletion of PHED 1301 Introduction to Physical Fitness and Sport and the addition of KINE 1164. Bettye Hutchins seconded the motion and council members voted unanimously in approval. Joe Johnston cautioned committee members that the THECB may not approve all revisions to our proposed core curriculum and KINE 1164 is rumored to be a questionable revision.

III. Other

- A.** Joe Hite asked council members to consider clarifying the catalog information related to footnotes in the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degree plans. Currently, the footnote states, "Students whose degree plans of the senior college of their choice require fewer than six (6) hours of sophomore English may apply for a Vernon College waiver of three (3) hours of sophomore English requirements with substitution of appropriate course work upon approval by the Dean of Instructional Services." Joe proposed that additional waivers may be appropriate for other course work requirements. This will be discussed further during the next Academic Council Meeting.
- B.** The next Academic Council Meeting will be Friday, January 31, 2014, at 11:00 am in VER204 and CCC712.

IV. Adjourn

The committee voted unanimously to adjourn.