

ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 28, 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, Kristin Harris, Joe Hite, Mark Holcomb, Bettye Hutchins, Dr. Adrien Ivan, Joe Johnston, Lynn Kalski, Shana Munson, and Michelle Wood.

I. Old Business

A. Approval of Minutes

Greg Fowler motioned to accept the February 28, 2014 minutes as presented seconded by Jessica Bennett. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Suggested Transfer Curriculum

Joe Johnston made a motion to return to 1 page per transfer guide in the Vernon College Catalog for each major field of study by semester. The motion was seconded by Greg Fowler. The motion passed unanimously.

II. New Business

A. Administrative Office Technology Revisions

At the recommendation of the AOT Advisory Committee, Mark Holcomb made a motion to delete the Administrative Assistant Option Certificate of Completion. Jessica Bennett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mark also motioned to add a prerequisite of POFT 1429 to POFT1309; to add HITT 1205 and COSC 1301 as electives; and change the minimum number of approved elective hours from 6-8 to 5-8 bringing the total to 35-38. These changes will result in a completion time of 1 ½ years instead of 1 year. Greg Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Automotive Technology – AAS degree approval

C. Farm & Ranch Management – AAS degree approval

D. Emergency Medical Services – AAS degree approval

Shana Munson made a motion to approve the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degrees for Automotive Technology, Farm and Ranch Management, and Emergency Medical Services. The motion was seconded by Bettye Hutchins. Dr. Harkey reminded everyone that the A.A.S. degrees in these programs had been identified in 2011 as low producing programs and were subsequently closed by the THECB. Recent legislation made it clear that this action was outside the authority of the THECB and that only local Boards could open or close programs. At the recommendation of Academic Council, the VC Board of Trustees approved the reinstatement of these programs during their December Board Meeting. All 3 A.A.S. degrees comply with the recent 60 SCH maximum rule. The motion passed unanimously.

E. MATH 1350, MATH 1351 Revisions

Karen Gragg highlighted changes to the 2014-2015 catalog for the following courses as outlined in the Academic Course Guide Manual (ACGM):

MATH 1350 Fundamentals of Mathematics I

Concepts of sets, functions, numeration systems, number theory, and properties of natural numbers, integers, rational, and real number systems with an emphasis on problem solving, critical thinking and the used of manipulatives. Designed for students seeking

early childhood through grade 8 teaching certificate. Prerequisite: MATH 1314 College Algebra or equivalent.

MATH 1351 Fundamentals of Mathematics II

Concepts of geometry, probability, and statistics as well as applications of the algebraic properties of real numbers to concepts of measurement with an emphasis on problem solving and critical thinking. This course is designed specifically for students seeking middle grade (4 through 8) teacher certification. Prerequisites: MATH 1350, MATH 1314 College Algebra or Equivalent.

No vote was necessary since these changes are mandated by the ACGM.

F. Associate Degree Nursing Program Revisions

Cathy Bolton made a motion to increase the special fees to offset increased testing fees which the department would be initiating in 2014-15 in an effort to improve student success and pass rate on the national licensure exam NCLEX. The LVN program has been utilizing the standardized testing exams from ATI for a number of years and it has been successful in their program. The fees would increase \$295 for Generic students and \$81 for LVN Transfer students. The motion was seconded by Shana Munson and passed unanimously.

G. First College-Level Courses

Joe Hite made a motion for Gary Don Harkey for the college to identify and adopt the following courses as the 1st college level courses in the following component areas:

Reading: ECON2301, ECON2302, ENGL1302, GOVT2305, GOVT2306, HIST1301, HIST1302, PSYC2301, and SOC1301

Writing: ENGL1301

Math: MATH1314, MATH1332, MATH1342, and MATH1414.

*For students whose degree does not require Math: BIOL2401

The motion was seconded by Cathy Bolton. Dr. Harkey reminded everyone that success rates in these courses would impact funding under the new performance based funding model. After some discussion the motion passed unanimously.

III. Other

A. The next Academic Council Meeting will be Friday, April 25, 2014 at 11:00 am.

IV. Adjourn

The committee voted unanimously to adjourn.