ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

December 20, 2017

10:00 A.M. – Ag Hall Conference Room

MEMBERS:

Eric Reed	Brad Ramsdale
Doug Smith	Barb Berg
Mary Rittenhouse	Ron Rosati
Kevin Martin - absent	Tee Bush
Vicky Luke - absent	Catherine Hauptman – recorder
Jennifer McConville	

The NCTA Academic Council Meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM with the above referenced in attendance.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

- Minutes from the previous meeting, November 20, 2017, were reviewed.
- Brad Ramsdale moved to accept the minutes, Mary Rittenhouse 2nd, motion carried and the minutes were approved as written.

NEW GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM

- Discussion was made on the proposed new general education core curriculum.
- Recommendations: The credit hours were proposed to be changed to the minimum requirements, human relations will be removed, and software productivity will be removed.
- Eric Reed moved to approve the above for the general education core curriculum, Doug Smith 2nd, motion carried.
- Eric moved to approve the AAS degree as amended, Tee Bush 2nd, motion carried.

PROPOSED COURSE TITLE CHANGE FOR GEN ED

- Eric Reed had academic council review the proposed course title changes for general education. These are for courses that transfer to Lincoln and making the titles look similar.
- Discussion was made
- Eric moved to change the course titles as discussed, Mary Rittenhouse 2nd, motion carries.

FIX FINAL GRADE FOR A STUDENT

- Academic council processed a grade change for a student.

PUBLIC SPEAKING OR INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION

- The current speech class is public speaking. Eric Reed is asking if we consider something different for interpersonal communications and public speaking.
- Discussion was made
- This will continue to be on the agenda in the future for more discussion.

INTEREST IN NEW COURSE: SPANISH FOR AG CAREERS

- Eric Reed expressed interest in a Spanish class for ag careers. Discussion was made and this will continue to be looked into. Academic council was all in favor in moving forward with something like this. We do have a Spanish course for vet techs but the instructor has a full workload and was unable to teach it this last semester.

CATALOG DEADLINES

- Jennifer McConville would like to have all our catalog deadlines in for March 15, 2018.
- Jennifer will get the word out the departments and faculty for the deadlines.

AG BUSINESS MINOR

- This will be added to a future Academic Council meeting when Mary Rittenhouse is prepared to discuss.

DISCIPLINARY ELECTIVES TRANSFERRED TO NCTA

- Brad Ramsdale discussed that this needs to be up to the advisor to make sure the courses coming in our equivalent to what NCTA offers.
    - This will come up in a degree audit for U-Achieve so it is do able to be able to do it at NCTA.

DIVERSITY CURRICULUM

- The learning community's instructors need to get together and establish what is being covered so it is not being duplicated.
- Brad Ramsdale will call the above meeting.

ACADEMIC YEAR FACULTY ATTENDANCE POLICY

- For clarification 9 month faculty need to be back on campus

PRE REQ CHANGE/ENROLLMENT CAP FOR BASIC EQUITATIONS ASI 1263

- Doug Smith brought up concerns for needing a cap on the Basic Equitation class. The class needs to have less students to be able to maintain a safe environment in the arena.
- This has been tabled for further discussion between Barb Berg and Doug Smith. It will come back at a later date for an agenda item.

Agronomy-AG MECH COURSE APPROVALS

- Brad Ramsdale had two course approvals. One is for AEQ 2404 Mechanized Irrigation Systems and one for AEQ 2801 Reinke Certification. The prerequisites were adjusted for each course.
- Brad Ramsdale moved to approve both semester course approval forms for AEQ 2404 and for AEQ 2801, Doug Smith 2nd, motion carried.

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POULTRY PROGRAM

- Doug Smith moved to create a poultry option for the APS department, Barb Berg 2nd, motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Brad Ramsdale would like to get feedback on our number of options NCTA has. Dean Rosati will ask the coordinating commission and HLC to get some informal feedback.
- Marketing for the new programs was discussed.

ACADEMIC COUNCIL WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:14 AM

DEAN'S COUNCIL

Convened at 11:15 AM

Attendees: Ron Rosati, Jennifer McConville, Eric Reed, Brad Ramsdale, Barb Berg, Mary Rittenhouse, Tee Bush, Catherine Hauptman (recorder)

NEW PROGRAMS

- **POULTRY PROGRAM**
  - A proposal was made to add an option titled "Poultry Production" as an AAS degree option within the Agricultural Productions systems major.
  - Discussion was made and the option was reviewed
  - Due to our current policy on program development this will be taken to Academic council for final approval
- **VITICULTURE**
  - Dean Rosati discussed a possible viticulture option for NCTA
  - Discussion was made
  - Brad Ramsdale moves to approves moving forward with the viticulture program, Barb Berg 2nd, motion carries.

Dean's council meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.
The next meeting will be Monday

DEAN'S COUNCIL WAS ADJORNED AT 12:05 PM