

ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

October 13, 2015

12:00 PM – Conference Room, Ag Hall

MEMBERS:

Eric Reed	Brad Ramsdale
Doug Smith	Barb Berg
Mary Rittenhouse	Scott Mickelsen
Kevin Martin	Glenn Jackson-absent
Vicky Luke (recorder)	

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

Learning Communities – Scott Mickelsen

- Due to the special nature and ties to the divisions of the updated Learning Communities course, do we want to continue to allow a waiver of this class?
- Discussion
 - It might help transfer students feel more welcome and included...all students will benefit from it
- All first time NCTA students will be required to take Learning Communities starting fall 2016
- It is mandatory and will only be offered in the fall
- Students who start in the spring will be required to take it the following fall.

Transfer Policy – Scott Mickelsen

- Final updates to the transfer policy have been made and were handed out for the council to look over.

Doug Smith made a motion to accept the transfer policy. Eric Reed seconded. No discussion. All in favor.....motion passed.

New Employee Orientation – Scott Mickelsen

- A draft of a "New Employee Orientation" was handed out.
- Discussion
 - Questions on HR, insurance, retirement, etc.
 - Needs to have time to walk faculty through using the equipment in the classrooms
 - There needs to be two different policies, one for faculty and one for staff.
- Scott will update the policy with the suggestions and bring to the next meeting for approval.

Mentorship Program – Scott Mickelsen

- Scott handed out ideas for a mentoring program.
- This would connect a current NCTA employee with a new employee
- This would be for an entire academic year

- The council was asked to look this over and let Scott know their thoughts and ideas.

Distance Delivery Application – Scott Mickelsen

- The distance delivery application has been submitted
- We have interest from other countries in taking our online classes. In order to for us to offer classes we need to have an online program approved.
- Currently the programs submitted are in the Diversified, Agronomy and Business areas.
- Council was asked to look through the document and let Scott know if any changes are needed.
- The document was submitted to HLC and will take 6-11 months to approve or disapprove.

VT Curriculum Change - Equine Nursing Course – Barb Berg

- Seeking approval to change the course name from VTE 2612 Equine Emergency Medicine and Nursing to VTE 2543 Equine Nursing
- This will shorten the title along with clarifying that this course is about nursing skills not diagnostics.

Mary Rittenhouse made a motion to accept the change. Kevin Martin seconded. No discussion. All in favor.....motion passed.

VT Curriculum Change – Intro to Lab Science – Barb Berg

- Seeking approval to change the course name from VTS 1603 Intro to Microbiology to VTS 1603 Intro to Laboratory Science.
- This course is needed for Lab Animal Certificate

Kevin Martin made a motion to accept the name change as stated above. Doug Smith seconded. No discussion. All in favor....motion passed.

VT Curriculum Change - Large Animal Clinical Rotation – Barb Berg

- Seeking approval for a new course, VTS 2551 Large Animal Clinical Rotation.
- This will fulfil the need to increase the large animal and production animal experiences for the VT Option students so that there will be exposure to the production animal side of veterinary medicine each semester.

Mary Rittenhouse made a motion to accept VTS 2551 Large Animal Clinical Rotation. Doug Smith seconded. No discussion. All in favor... motion passed.

Gen Ed Curriculum Change - proposed Intro to Chemistry II – Eric Reed

- UNL has two Intro to Chemistry courses and two basic Chemistry courses
- Eric would like to create another Intro course so students can transfer both Chemistry courses as 105 and 106.
- Chemistry classes will be online...the plan is to have Dan Widick as an on campus facilitator.
- The current CHM 1014 Intro to Chemistry's title will change to Intro to Chemistry I.
- Proposing a new course, CHM 1024 Intro to Chemistry II as a continuation of CHM 1014 Intro to Chemistry I.

Doug Smith made a motion to approve the title change for CHM 1014 and to approve the new course CHM 1024 Intro to Chemistry II. Mary Rittenhouse seconded. Discussion. All in favor.....motion passed.

Pre-requisites for Dual Credit courses – Eric Reed

- Discussion – will need to be monitored by the high schools or by test outs that Eric gives our NCTA students.

Catalog changes are due to Vicky by January 1, 2016!

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm

Next meeting is November 10, 2015