

ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

February 10, 2015

12:10 PM – Conference Room, Ag Hall

MEMBERS:

Eric Reed - absent	Brad Ramsdale
Doug Smith	Barb Berg
Paul Clark	Scott Mickelsen
Vicky Luke (recorder)-absent	Kevin Martin - absent
Jo Bek - absent	

The NCTA Academic Council Meeting was called to order at 12:10 P.M. with the above referenced in attendance.

Veterinary Technology Curriculum Changes – Barb Berg

- Shorten credit hours required from 80 to 75
- Condense curriculum by focusing more on AVMA essential skills and reducing “nice to know in Nebraska” skills and knowledge
- Graduate students in May instead of August
 - Easier bookwork and paper flow for registrar’s office
 - Graduates able to take VT licensing exam sooner
 - Able to become a LVT sooner and not have to drop back to working as an assistant until they become licensed and work sooner.
- Keep Anatomy and Physiology transferable to UNL class
- Name classes closer to content of classes

Paul Clark made a motion to change the total VT credit hours required for graduation from 80 to 75. Brad Ramsdale seconded.....motion passed.

Brad Ramsdale made a motion to approve VTS 2243, VT Internship for 3 credit hours which replaces VTS 2244, VT Internship for 4 credit hours. Barb Berg seconded....motion passed.

Paul Clark made a motion to change VTS 1403, Anatomy and Physiology, 3 credit hours back to VTS 1404 for 4 credit hours. Brad Ramsdale seconded...motion passed.

Agronomy-Ag Mechanics Degrees and Certificates – Brad Ramsdale

- Associate of Applied Science Degree in Agronomy – 70 credit hours
 - Crop Production Option
 - Diversified Agriculture Option
 - Ag Equipment Option
- Transfer programs – Associate of Science Degree in Plant Science – 64 credit hours

- Agronomy Option
- Horticulture Option
- Areas of Concentration and Previously Approved 30 Credit Hour Certificates
 - Crop Production Certificate – 30 credits
 - Diversified Agriculture Certificate – 30 credits
 - Horticulture Certificate – 30 credits
 - Ag Chemical Application Concentration – 30 credits
 - Irrigation Technician Concentration – 34 credits
 - Welding Concentration – 29 credits
- Certificates
 - Ag Chemical Application Certificate – 18 credits
 - Irrigation Technician Certificate – 16 credits
 - Welding Certificate – 16 credits

Paul Clark made a motion to approve the above Associate of Applied Science and Associate of Science Options and Areas of Concentration and Certificates. Doug Smith seconded....motion passed.

Proposed Carpentry Course – Brad Ramsdale

- Seeking approval for AEQ 1713, Carpentry, 3 credit hours.
- Learning basic tools and techniques of carpentry as it would pertain to a farm and ranch, including selection, use and maintenance of hand and power tools; selection of wood construction materials; construction of joints; application of finishes; and using these basic skills to follow a plan in the construction of a functional project.

Paul Clark made a motion to accept AEQ 1713, Carpentry for 3 credit hours. Doug Smith seconded.....motion passed.

Proposed Farm Beginnings Class – Brad Ramsdale

- Seeking approval for AGR 2714 Farm Beginnings, 4 credit hours
- The Farm Beginnings® Program consists of a series of sessions offered throughout the year by Nebraska Extension with cooperation from NCTA. The sessions focus on f alternative agriculture and cover a variety of topics, including building networks, goal setting, whole farm planning , building your business plan, marketing, business and farm management and financial management. In addition to learning first-hand from successful farmers, participants will develop their own business plan as they progress through the course.

Paul Clark made a motion to accept AGR 2714, Farm Beginnings for 4 credit hours. Doug Smith seconded.....motion passed.

Agribusiness Management Systems Gradation Credit Hour Requirement Change

- Management Option – removing the second science requirement and adding Intro to Databases for a total of 70 required credit hours for graduation.

Doug Smith made a motion to approve the AMS Management Option with the requirement of 70 hours required for graduation. Brad Ramsdale seconded....motion passed.

- Office Systems Option – removing the second science requirement and adding Intro to Databases for a total of 69-70 required credit hours for graduation.

Brad Ramsdale made a motion to approve the AMS Office Systems Option with the requirement of 69-70 credit hours required for graduation. Doug Smith seconded.....motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM