

ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

February 9, 2016

12:00 PM – Conference Room, Ag Hall

MEMBERS:

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

The NCTA Academic Council Meeting was called to order at 12:05 P.M. with the above referenced in attendance.

Minutes from the last meeting

- Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed
- No adjustments made to the minutes

Eric Reed made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mary Rittenhouse seconded. All in favor....motion carried.

VT Course Approvals

Spanish for Animal Health - VTE 2342, 2 credit hours

- This is a name change so students can more readily see that this is a class that could pertain to the various professions and locations they plan to work at.
- This course is not only for people working in Veterinary Clinics
- Name is more appropriate to course content

Mary Rittenhouse made a motion to accept the Spanish for Animal Health course as written. Doug Smith seconded. No discussion. All in favor....motion carried.

Intro to Animal Science - VTS 1511, 1 credit hour

- New course number for Intro to Animal Science for VT students
- Course content will be remain the same as the ASI sections
- This will provide ease for VT students to find their sections and during new student registration days
- Discussion

Doug Smith moved to accept the Intro to Animal Science course with the new VTS course number. Eric Reed seconded. No further discussion. All in favor.... motion carried.

Feeding the Equine Patient – VTE 2623, 3 credit hours

- This course will introduce students with an equine interest to the nutritional management of the equine patient.
- VT Equine Health Care option was using an APS Equine Nutrition course for its requirements. That course is no longer offered.
- We need to add a class that is more specific to the unique needs of a horse that is in a veterinary hospital often as a critical care case.
- All Equine Health Care option students would be required to take the course.

- Other VT students could also take it to meet their nutrition requirement
- Discussion

Eric Reed made a motion to accept Feeding the Equine Patient course as written. Mary Rittenhouse seconded. No further discussion.....motion carried.

Practical Skills VTE 1621, 1 credit hour

- Barb proposed this course as a course to promote safety and practical hands on skills
- Would be taught in the summer for Equine Health students
- Would also be available for other students to take
- This additional class will not change total credit hour requirement of 76, there is a new flow of classes
- It was brought to the council's attention that we have a similar farm safety course taught by Roy
- Discussion
- Barb will talk to Roy and compare the proposed course to the Farm Safety course and will come back with the course proposal if Farm Safety doesn't fit their needs

Chemistry as VT Science Class – Barb Berg

- Barb stated many VT students take Fundamentals of Animal Biology as one of their science choices
- It is an 8 week class and creates larger and additional labs
- Chemistry may be better for VT students
- Would give them a better background and help them in other classes
- Should Chemistry be required instead of Biology that is currently required?
- Would use the current Chemistry class for those who plan to transfer
- If a new Chemistry class is created and has a VT number then it could be taught by VT faculty instead of Gen Ed faculty
- Brad stated that VT students should take as many classes as possible that transfer
- Discussion

8 Week Classes and Military Benefits

- Barb mentioned concern with in some cases with 8 week classes and our Veterans
- When Vicky completes the VA certifications it has to be broken down by terms. The VA only considers the 16 week time frame for full time status.
- If the student has 8 week classes and not 12 credit hours in their 16 week classes then their pay is reduced.
- Do we want to work towards having 16 weeks classes as much as possible?
- Doug stated that his department has moved towards having 16 weeks
- Discussion
- There are benefits to having 2nd 8 week classes
- It is recommended that this be handled by advising....make sure our Veteran students are registered for at least 12 credit hours in 16 week classes.

AMS Course Approvals

Software Productivity AIT 1083, 3 credit hours

- This course addresses competency and applications of computer skills
- Software covered includes: operating systems and environments, spreadsheets, word processing, marketing tools and databases.
- This course will replace AIT 1052 Intro to MS Word, AIT 1062 Intro to MS PowerPoint, and AIT 1092 Intro to Spreadsheets
- The database course will be kept separate based on advisory board recommendations
- Do we need sections both fall and spring?
 - Yes, VT takes them in the spring
 - All students must take this class
 - The course is increased by 1 hour, going from 2 to 3 credit hours

Eric Reed made a motion to accept the Software Productivity course as written. Glenn Jackson seconded. No further discussion. All in favor....motion carried.

Introduction to Ag Economics ECN1103, 3 credit hours

- This is a new course to be included for those students not transferring to another institution
- Survey of economic concepts that affect food and agricultural issues, no math intensity
- Course will replace Microeconomics in the AAS degree

Doug Smith made a motion to accept the new course as written. Eric Reed seconded. No discussion. All in favor....motion carried.

Business Statistics ABM 1803, 3 credit hours

- This course is a study of basic statistical analysis of business and economic data demonstrating its use in making sound decision making.
- Will offer in fall as a basis for business students
- Will replace Intermediate Algebra in for the AMS program
- Students can take College Algebra or Business Statistics
- This class is transferable into business program not as Gen Ed
- We will create the course for the AMS division....it will not be added to the Gen Ed section at this time

Eric Reed made a motion to approve the Business Statistics course. Glenn Jackson seconded. No further discussion. All in favor....motion carried

Critical Thinking ABM 2003, 3 credit hours

- Changing the course prefix to reflect an AMS course along with the course number reflecting a second year course.
- The course has been a philosophy course with a PSY prefix

Glenn Jackson made a motion to approve changing the course prefix for the Critical Thinking course from PSY to ABM. Doug Smith seconded. No further discussion. All in favor.....Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm

Next meeting is March 8, 2016