

ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

March 11, 2014

12:00 PM – Conference Room, Ag Hall

MEMBERS:

Eric Reed	Brad Ramsdale
Doug Smith	Barb Berg
Paul Clark	Scott Mickelsen
Vicky Luke (recorder)	Kevin Martin
Jennifer McConville	

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

Horticulture Course Title Changes – Brad Ramsdale

- Previously separate courses were offered for Turf Independent Studies and Landscaping Independent Studies. We are revising course titles to offer one set of Independent Studies (1 credit version and 2 credit version) in Horticulture using the HSL prefix.
- The HST prefix independent studies will be removed.
- No description revisions are necessary.
- New independent study course numbers
 - HSL 2181 - 1 credit hour
 - HSL 2182 - 2 credit hours

Eric Reed made a motion to approve HSL 2181 (1 credit hour) and HSL 2182 (2 credit hour) Independent Study courses. Paul Clark seconded. No discussion. All in favor....motion carried.

New Agronomy Courses – Brad Ramsdale

- Proposing Harvest Operations course, AEQ 1651 (1 credit hour)
- This course will primarily focus on grain harvest operations. Grain combine setup and operation will be emphasized.
- Students will gain an understanding of factors influencing harvest efficiency including estimating harvest losses. Combine yield monitor operation will also be included.
- Course is open to anyone as an elective course.
- Harvest is great opportunity for great hands on.

Paul Clark made a motion to approve AEQ 1651 (1 credit hour) Harvest Operations. Eric Reed seconded. Discussion. All in favor....motion carried.

- Proposed Crops judging courses:
 - AGR 1891 (1 credit hour) offered in the fall
 - AGR 1892 (2 credit hour) offered in the spring

- These courses will cover all principles of agronomy to prepare students to compete in crops judging contests that operate under the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) contest guidelines.
- These courses are currently being completed as independent study.
- Will need to be set up like rodeo seminar so the students can take them more than once.
- Gives student recognition on a transcript.

Paul Clark made a motion to approve AGR 1981 (1 credit hour) and AGR 1982 (2 credit hours). Eric Reed seconded. No further discussion...motion carried.

Spanish Course – Eric Reed

- Proposed Beginning Spanish I SPA 1113 (3 credit hours)
- Main emphasis on development of comprehension of written and spoken Spanish; reading of simple texts dealing primarily with the Spanish-speaking world and with cultural and historical background of Spanish civilization, oral and oral drill supplemented by practice in pronunciation laboratory.
- Copied UNL's class to work with our BAS agreement
- Possibility on line with some sort of speaking Spanish in person
- Scott will check on the number of credit hours that need to be required.

Standard Citation Style Across Campus – Eric Reed

- Eric has suggested a standard citation campus wide to improve student writing
- Benefits students knowing what to do, standardization across campus, consistency
- Cons: would have to change styles if using something different now
- Possibly taught in learning communities, covered in the English classes
- Pros: Learn format earlier on so classes can require some sort of format in their papers
- Teach plagiarism early on so students know what it is and how to avoid it.
- Paul stated that AMS uses Chicago style and if students transfer they would use that style. Paul would like to use the style required by business.
- General consensus is to leave it up to instructor which style the students are required to use.

Human Relations On-line – Eric Reed

- Human Relations will not be on-line for a while until we can find an instructor.
- Eric questioned the number of hours in AS general education core.

- AS core is currently 29 credit hours...is this too many?
- Identify which courses meet the ACE requirements.
- Scott stated that the Coordinating Commission requires at least 25 credit hours for the Associate of Science degree and 15 for Associate of Applied Science core so we are in the correct range.

Paul Clark questioned whether he can substitute another class if students don't have the second science course required by AMS.

Yes, as long as there are other classes that can be considered science and can we can justify they met the science skills

There was discussion on pre-reqs for Chemistry.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM

Next meeting March 25th at 12:00 pm