

ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

March 8, 2016

12:00 PM – Conference Room, Ag Hall

MEMBERS:

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

The NCTA Academic Council Meeting was called to order at 12:00 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

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

Proposed New Course Prefix for Learning Communities – Mary Rittenhouse

- Mary Rittenhouse proposed a change to the course prefix for Learning Communities from PSY 1011 to ABM 1011 for the AMS major.
- Discussion
- Learning outcomes are the same
- It was suggested that we come up with a new prefix that would work for each major which would be cleaner from a transcript standpoint.
- Mary will come up with a new proposal and bring to the next meeting.

Dual Credit – Ron Rosati

- There has been discussion at the system level regarding our dual credit
- There is concern with us offering the amount of Gen Ed classes that we are
- We are pulling away and offering only those Gen Ed classes that support our certificate program
- This will not impact our Ag classes
- History, Sales and Software Productivity will be offered along with the Ag courses.

Horticulture Option – Brad Ramsdale

- Due to the termination of Horticulture major and not moving forward with Agronomy major Brad would like to propose that the Horticulture Option remain operating under the AS degree.
- There are fewer students with fewer classes that would need to be offered
- This AS degree option also fits the approved Articulation Agreement with UNL
- Discussion

Eric Reed made a motion to approve the Horticulture Option under the Associate of Science degree. Doug Smith seconded. No further discussion. All in favor....motion carried.

Agronomy Discussion – Brad Ramsdale

- Academic Council previously approved a full set of 70 credit hour degree programs for the Agronomy major
- These are in the 2015-16 catalog and Brad has been advising students accordingly
- Due to not moving forward with the Agronomy major, Brad would like to keep those approved programs as options within APS for the AAS degree
- The difference of credit hours is internship went from 6 to 3 and 3 hours of electives were cut out.

Brad Ramsdale made a motion to keep the previously approved options under the Agronomy major as options within APS for the AAS degree. Doug Smith seconded. No discussion. All in favor.....motion carried.

APS Course Name Change – Doug Smith

Proposed AED 1103 Introduction to Secondary Agriscience Education, 3 credit hours

- Proposal to combine two classes that we now offer into one
- This will help streamline students into the Ag Ed program at UNL
- Same syllabus at both institutions
- Class is for Ag Ed students

Doug Smith made a motion to approve AED 1103, Introduction to Secondary Agriscience Education for 3 credit hours. Mary Rittenhouse seconded. No discussion. All in favor....motion carried.

General Education – Eric Reed

- The General Education curriculum updates were handed out for everyone to look over at a later date for approval at the next meeting.
- Eric noted the changes
 - Removal of MTH 1203 Intermediate Algebra from the curriculum....class will no longer be offered
 - CHM 1024, Intro to Chemistry II and CHM 1104, General Chemistry will be kept in the curriculum but cease to be offered
- Discussion on which Chemistry classes transfer to UNL for Ag Ed and Animal Science students
- Doug stated that most student are using Intro to Chemistry to recieve the 105 credit at UNL
- Eric wants to make sure the Gen Ed section is correct for final approval for the catalog

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 pm

Next meeting is April 12, 2016