

# **ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING**

June 29, 2016

3:00 PM – Conference Room, Ag Hall

## **MEMBERS:**

Eric Reed	Brad Ramsdale
Doug Smith	Barb Berg
Mary Rittenhouse	Ron Rosati
Kevin Martin	Joanna Hergenreder
Vicky Luke (absent)	Catherine Hauptman (recorder)

The NCTA Academic Council Meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M. with the above referenced individuals in attendance.

## **Approve Minutes from the last meeting 3.8.2016**

- Doug Smith moved to accept the minutes as written, Kevin Martin 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

## **AGR 1011 Agricultural Careers Course**

- Brad Ramsdale or Doug Smith will be teaching this course, AGR 1011 Ag Careers.
- The primary purpose for developing this course is for our dual credit program. The course will be part of the new Agricultural Food Production certificate that is being developed for dual credit. By exposing more students to the diversity of agricultural careers available, hopefully more of these students will choose to pursue a degree at NCTA.
- Doug Smith moved to approve the course, Joanna Hergenreder 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

## **Certificate in Ag**

- Brad Ramsdale presented the Certificate in Agriculture for approval.
- Primary purpose is for dual credit online delivery.
- This is a 16 credit hour certificate.
- Doug Smith moved to approve the certificate, Mary Rittenhouse 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried. The Certificate in Agriculture was approved.

## **Feedlot Systems**

- Doug Smith had the Academic Council review the course approval form for the ASI 1204 Feedlot systems.
- Doug is asking to change the 4 credit hour class to 3 credit hours.
- Justification for the request is that APS looked at the credit hour calculation and it was coming up to 3.875 hours instead of 4 so it needs to move it to a 3 credit hour class.
- Kevin Martin moved to accept the change for Feedlot Systems, Barb Berg 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.
- Feedlot Systems 1204 will now be Feedlot Systems 1203.

### **Agriculture Production Systems**

- Doug Smith is asking to have the Beef Production Systems class changed from a 4 credit hour class to a 3 credit hour class.
- Mary Rittenhouse moved to accept the 3 credit hour change for the ASI 2753 Beef Production Systems, Kevin Martin 2<sup>nd</sup>, and motion carried.

### **Dairy Science Program with SDSU and NCTA**

- Doug Smith and Ron Rosati are working on a Dairy Science Memorandum of Understanding with South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD.
- There is currently no dairy science program in Nebraska.
- Our NCTA students would take 3 semesters of classes with NCTA and 1 semester of classes with SDSU.
- This would be a Dairy Science option underneath Livestock Industry Management within the Ag Production Systems division.
- Joanna Hergenreder moved to approve the Dairy Science option for APS, Mary Rittenhouse 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.
- On a side note, Doug Smith has an articulation agreement that was signed with SDSU to have a 2 + 2 agreement in Ag Education.

### **Reading and Writing Test Outs**

- Eric Reed discussed previous reading and writing test-outs he has used.
- He distributed a computerized test out for reading and writing that he is evaluating for use. He also asked for opinions on whether or not NCTA should continue to allow testing out of a course.
  - Kevin Martin stated that he agrees on continuing to do test out for students who have none or low ACT scores.
  - Another possibility for enhancing reading and writing would be to combine the courses into one as a refresher course. This would make it a 2 credit hour course.
- Discussion includes at what point to test out students who do not have Accutest or ACT scores. Suggestions for an appropriate time were Orientation Weekend at the beginning of the fall semester and at New Student Registration periods.
- Eric will return the topic to Academic Council after further consideration.

### **Other Business**

- Doug Smith asked Jan Price to review former NCTA students who have only one or two classes needed to graduate. Jan will contact them regarding opportunity for retaking the class they need or inquiring about them obtaining a certificate for their academic completion.
  - This is a way to improve the APS completion/graduation rate.
- Kevin Martin reminded all of New Student Registration Day on July 11.
  - The Delta Conference is starting on July 11 as well so NSR advising may be scheduled at LTC.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm

**Next meeting is TBD in the Ed Center Conference Room**