

## **Minutes**

### **College Curriculum and Instruction Committee**

**March 31, 2006**

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## **SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Committee:** COLLEGE CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

**Date:** March 31, 2006

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** Room 202, Bradford Hall

**Members Attending:** Gene Norton, Gene Couch, Thom Brooks, Tracy Chapple, Cheryl Contino-Conner, Gary Dillard, Liz Guertin, Debra Klavohn, Wanda Morris, Ron Poor, Barbara Putman, Andrea Rowland, and Hilary Seagle.

**Guest:** Linda Dyke

**Members Absent:** Scott Cline, Christy Deaver, Melody Lawrence, Susan McCaskill, and Phil Weast.

**Call to Order:** Gene Norton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to accept minutes of the December 9, 2005, meeting as submitted was made by Cheryl Contino-Conner Lawrence; seconded by Ron Poor. Accepted.

### **Early College Update**

Linda Dyke explained the Early College concept to the committee. The goal is to have 100 Early College High School in the state within the next five years. They are designed to give high school students lots of support, to take on a strong curriculum, and to be better prepared. There are 14 Early Colleges now and Linda has visited three in the state and a similar model in Michigan, all of which have been very successful.

Macon County applied for the additional designation, and the Early College in Macon will open in Fall 2006. Swain County and the Cherokee Center will be using different models within their schools. The students in the Early College High School will have to meet the same requirements as other SCC students. There will be 50 students selected in Macon County from a cross section of the total high school population. The students will receive a high school diploma and college degree in five years. It could be explained that they will complete the high school portion in three years with 28 credits (11 are electives) and the associate degree in two years. Currently the plan is to test the students only at the end of the ninth grade. Some members of the committee wondered why rising ninth graders were not to be tested before entering the program. Dr. Couch plans to explore this question more fully.

There is a plan to seek a waiver from the state to allow the students to take developmental courses if needed. The criteria for selecting students for the Early College are based on need, risk, other social factors, educational aspirations, and recommendations.

### **Program Changes**

#### **Arts and Sciences**

Add SPA 181 and SPA 182 as electives to program of study for Associate in Arts.

The reason for adding these courses is to accommodate the curriculum and schedule for the Early College High School.

Motion to accept: Cheryl Contino-Conner; seconded by Debra Klavohn. Accepted.

#### **Career Technologies**

##### **Surveying Technology**

Add PHY 151, MAT 161 and MAT 162.

Delete PHY 131, MAT 121, MAT 122, and SRV 192.

Thom Brooks explained the reasons for these changes. The deletion of SRV 192, Selected Topics, is to conform with program auditor's requirement. The change in the Physics course is to allow students to transfer more easily into NCA&T's four-year surveying program, which requires PHY 151. The math course changes are to meet the prerequisite for PHY 151.

Motion to accept: Ron Poor; seconded by Gary Dillard. Accepted.

#### **Health Sciences**

##### **Emergency Medical Science**

Add diploma offering to program.

Debra Klavohn said a diploma will accommodate students seeking the paramedic level.

Motion to accept: Thom Brooks; seconded by Cheryl Contino-Conner. Accepted.

### **Follow-up to Previous Business**

#### **Honors/Awards:**

After a continued discussion, the committee suggested the following wording for the President's List and Dean's List, criterion number one.

*Only students who have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at the end of the semester are considered.*

Motion to accept: Tracy Chapple; seconded by Debra Klavohn. Accepted.

The change will be made in the 2006-07 Student Handbook and the 2007-08 catalog.

Gene Norton announced that after seven years of service as chair of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee, he is passing the baton. Dr. Couch thanked Dr. Norton for his leadership and expressed the appreciation of the committee.

Motion to adjourn: Ron Poor; seconded by Hilary Seagle.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Recorded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elizabeth Guertin

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gene Norton

Date: \_\_\_\_\_