

Minutes

College Curriculum and Instruction Committee

October 25, 2006

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SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Committee: COLLEGE CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Date: October 25, 2006

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Room 104, Oaks Hall

Members Attending: Rudy Beharrysingh, Thom Brooks, Scott Cline, Cheryl Contino-Conner, Gene Couch, Christy Deaver, Liz Guertin, Debra Klavohn, Wanda Morris, Gene Norton, Ron Poor, Barbara Putman, Hilary Seagle, and Phil Weast

Members Absent: Tracy Chapple, Melody Lawrence, Susan McCaskill, and Andrea Rowland

Call to Order: Rudy Beharrysingh, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Corrections to minutes: Approval of Minutes, Cheryl Contino-Conner ~~Lawrence~~.
Early College Update, second sentence to read...100 Early College High Schools.
Motion to accept minutes of the March 31, 2006, meeting as corrected was made by Cheryl Contino-Conner; seconded by Phil Weast. Accepted as corrected.

A brief discussion occurred about the Honors/Awards and Early College sections of the March 31, 2006 minutes. The chair asked that these items be deferred until the Other Business section of the agenda.

Program Changes

Health Sciences

Therapeutic Massage

Deb Klavohn presented the following changes to the Therapeutic Massage program:

ENG 111, move from Spring Semester 1 to Fall Semester 1

BIO 271 Pathophysiology, add to Spring Semester 1

MED 121, delete from Fall Semester 1

BUS 137, delete from Summer Semester 1

With the above changes, the total number of semester hour credits will be reduced to 39.

The BIO 271 Pathophysiology course will be required for all Massage diploma students and, since it is a transfer course, should appeal to transfer and other health science students. This course is in the curriculum standard as a requirement for the AAS in massage.

Since the students already have over 250 hours of anatomy and physiology in the curriculum, deleting the MED 121 and adding the BIO 271 will give them more pathology hours. They will be better equipped to pass their national certification and make decisions in their future practice with more pathology knowledge.

The students received a 30 hour element in MTH 120. The BUS 137 Management course does not directly meet the need for most of the students.

Motion to accept changes was made by Thom Brooks; Gene Norton seconded. Motion passed.

Career Technologies

Thom Brooks presented changes to the following programs:

Welding Technology

Welding Metal Sculpture Certificate to be added to program offerings.

Add PCS courses to the program of study.

This will be a second certificate offering in the Welding program. The program will be open to high school students at the HUB, but also would be available to adult students.

Motion to accept was made by Cheryl Contino-Conner; seconded by Barb Putman. Motion passed.

Infant/Toddler Care Certificate (C55290)

This new certificate will be added to our program offerings. The courses offered in this certificate program have been approved and are offered in our Early Childhood Education program. The Early Childhood instructors and advisory boards have recommended the addition of this certificate.

The curriculum application for the Infant, Toddler Care Certificate will be submitted to the System Office using the Special Curriculum Application procedures.

Early Childhood Education

Delete choice of EDU 252 or EDU 259.

EDU 252, add to Spring Semester 2.

EDU 259, move from Spring Semester 2 to Fall Semester 2 to provide balance to semester work loads.

MED 182 (First Aid/CPR), delete from program of study.

The total semester hour credits will increase to 71-73 hours.

The reason for deleting the MED 182 course is that child development centers provide CPR and basic first aid training. The students will benefit from taking both EDU 252 and EDU 259.

Motion to accept the Career Technologies program changes was made by Hilary Seagle; seconded by Scott Cline. Motion passed.

Arts and Sciences

Barb Putman presented several information and action items for a future meeting.

1. The Associate in Fine Arts degree will be returned to our program offerings. Dr. Couch gave the background of working with Cherokee and offering the program in partnership with SCC and Cherokee. We also have an agreement with WCU for students completing this program to continue their studies in the fine arts area. Cherokee has offered financial support for the program.

The general education courses will be offered during the Spring 2007 semester. An instructor will be hired in the next few months. The art courses will be taught at a center in Cherokee.

2. Tracy Chapple has proposed offering a new psychology course, Positive Psychology, which will be new to the NCCCS Combined Course Library.
3. The faculty has proposed adding six new courses to the AA degree: COM 231, SOC 220, REL 111 and 112, REL 211 and 212.
4. Barb will present the Transfer Ready Diploma for approval.

Other Business

Academic Probation and Suspension Policy

Phil Weast recommended that we apply the same guidelines for academic probation as for the honors/awards (as approved by this committee in March 2006). The policy would then apply to all students enrolled at the college. He proposed removing the first sentence under the Academic Probation section on page 29 in the 2006-2007 catalog, which reads: *The academic Probation and Suspension Policy applies only to students in curriculum programs.*

Motion to accept was made by Phil Weast; seconded by Christy Deaver. Motion passed.

Early College

Ron Poor began a discussion on the criteria for selections of students who enter the Early College program. Further discussion on the placement testing and selection process followed.

Dr. Couch explained that the current students in the program did not take a placement test, but the counselors did look at the end of 8th grade test scores and student motivation. He also gave a brief description of the guidelines that the college considered in making the decision to go with the Early College: the governor's desire to have 100 Early Colleges established across the state (there are now 40), and the grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for funding the project. One of the qualifying factors is that the Early College has to be connected to a college and on a college campus. The superintendent in Macon County strongly supported the program.

Members cited the SACS On-site Visiting Team recommendation concerning the Early College and expressed concern about maintaining the integrity of the college and not lowering academic standards for the students enrolled in the Early College. The question arose among the group: Does this committee want to look at the admission criteria and make recommendations as a committee? Phil Weast will look into the validity of giving the CPT to the 9th graders.

The committee will invite Linda Dyke and Connie Haire to the next meeting, and the Early College program will be placed on the agenda.

Ron then presented the following statement for consideration:

About eight months ago, the issue of the failure to have clear admissions criteria for the Early College was discussed in this committee. If I recall correctly, several of us, if not an overall consensus, expressed alarm over the apparent lack of academic criteria. SACS has, it appears, agreed with those of us who are concerned. Because this is the only official body of the college in which faculty have direct input into academic policy and procedure, I propose that the admission criteria for Early College be reviewed by and require the approval of this committee.

The motion to accept the above statement was made by Hilary Seagle and seconded by Thom Brooks. Motion passed.

December Commencement

Dr. Couch informed the group that the college will hold a December Commencement this year. The date is set for December 15 at 4:00 p.m.

Proposed Course Additions

Following the March 31, 2006 meeting, the request was made to place two new courses in the AA program offering: PED 169 and PED 170, specifically to be offered for Huskins students at Smoky Mountain High School. Chairperson Gene Norton send an email to committee members on May 2, 2006 at 4:12 p.m. requesting their approval, stating: *“If I receive no objections before noon Friday, May 5th, I will interpret that to mean these courses have the committee’s blessing to be added to the Arts and Sciences curriculum offerings.”* No objections were received, therefore the request was granted.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 29, 2006, 3:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Thom Brooks; seconded by Barb Putman. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Recorded by: _____
Elizabeth Guertin

Date: _____

Chairperson: _____
Rudy Beharrysingh

Date: _____