

Minutes

College Curriculum and Instruction Committee

April 13, 2007

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SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Committee: COLLEGE CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Date: April 13, 2007

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: Room 104, Oaks Hall

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

Members Absent: Melody Lawrence and Susan McCaskill

Call to Order: Rudy Beharrysingh, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as printed. Motion to approve by Debra Klavohn; seconded by Hilary Seagle.

Program Changes

Arts & Sciences

Action Items:

Barbara Putman presented proposed changes for the Associate in Fine Arts program for Fall 2007. She explained that Rickie Wesbrooks, the program coordinator/instructor, has a strong background in weaving. The changes in the program will add several weaving courses and courses are also added to complement the Cherokee heritage aspect of the program. The WCU Art Department Chair, Richard Titchich agrees with these changes. A WCU/SCC Articulation Agreement is to be signed by the end of spring semester. (The Associate in Fine Arts Program, Visual Arts, A10200 is attached.)

Motion to accept was made by Cheryl Contino-Conner; seconded by Christy Deaver.
Approved.

Information Item:

Barbara Putman led a discussion regarding courses in our General Education curriculum that are reading intensive. We do not currently have a reading prerequisite for these courses (PSY 150, BIO 110, history, etc.). Many times we steer students away from reading courses for ease of scheduling.

Adding RED 090 is a common practice at many of our sister institutions in the North Carolina Community College System. We are talking about some key courses that are reading intensive that have no prerequisite at this point, and we are looking at success rate of students for these courses.

A question was raised: Would this turn a two-year degree into three years? How would this affect our students?

The following suggestions were made:

- ◆ Put in a less reading-intensive social science course in programs of study.
- ◆ Look at failure and withdrawal rates.
- ◆ Look at majors.
- ◆ Consider NAFTA requirements for program completion time.
- ◆ Look at grades of “D” also.

A further discussion and proposed action on this proposed change will be brought before this committee at the first meeting next fall.

Career Technologies and Health Sciences had no changes to present at this meeting.

Dr. Putman said that a physics instructor has been hired, Matt Cass. He has a bachelor’s, master’s and Ph.D. from Appalachian State.

There being no other business, the motion to adjourn was made by Phil Weast, seconded by Hilary Seagle.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Recorded by: _____
Elizabeth Guertin

Date: _____

Chairperson: _____
Rudy Beharrysingh

Date: _____