

## Curriculum Committee

March 16, 2021

Present: Jason Barr, Jeff Bryson, Mari Clements, Jeff Hunter, Sara Sawyer, Gary Morris

Virtual: Rachel Adams, Lloyd Bone, Duane Chapman, Denise Ellyson, Kaitlin Ensor, Rico Gazal, Dwight Heaster, Cheryl McKinney, Jonathan Minton, Connie O'Dell, David O'Dell, Will Vann

**Work Experience and Internships** – Currently there are no specific requirements outlined in the catalog as a minimum for either Internships or Work Experiences.

Dr. Morris spoke with Dr. Gazal about the work experience requirement for the majors in Natural Resource Management program. The Forestry Advisory Committee met recently and work experience was discussed. Dr. Morris and Dr. Gazal mutually agreed that work experiences in Land Resources would require a minimum of 135 clock hours per credit hour.

Based on the previous meeting, Dr. Morris recommended the minimum requirement for Internships be 45 clock hours per credit hour.

This recommendation would be effective in the fall of 2022.

A universal definition of work experience and internship will be needed moving forward. Perhaps, work experience would be actual practice and an internship would be exploring the theory. Research would need common expectations as well. This will be a discussion item for March 30.

GSC Degree Inventory Language Consistent with WV HEPC Series 11- Dr. Morris shared information he would like to have in the catalog for implementation by Fall 2022. Please review the document and provide feedback by the next meeting. Minors must include 12 unique hours that are not counting to complete the major. Dr. Morris will contact HEPC concerning area of emphasis and concentrations.

**Program Review – Associate of Science in Forest Technology** – The five-year program review was provided. The review from an outside reviewer was included. There is an 85% graduation rate with this program. Dr. Morris wants curricular changes aligned with the 5-year program review cycle.

**Bachelor of Arts in Music** – Dr. Barr presented a catalog cleanup. He worked with Mrs. Ellyson. This improves the catalog and is a benefit to students in DegreeWorks. Dr. Barr was asked about the Music Therapy career track. This track would allow students to go into a graduate program with having some extra courses.

Dr. Morris and Dr. Sawyer need to discuss BIOL 470. The proposed model has financial aid implications. The logistics for this course needs to be determined before the course is changed.

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