

Curriculum Committee Meeting

January 18, 2022

Present: Gary Morris, Dwight Heaster, Ken Lang, Connie Stout O'Dell, Jason Barr, Rico Gazal, Jonathan Minton, Kevin Evans, Kaitlin Ensor, Schuyler Chapman, Cheryl McKinney, Sara Sawyer, Rachel Adams

Absent: Will Vann, Nic McVaney

Guests: Ann Reed, Kandas Queen, Mari Clements

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Heaster motioned to approve the November 16th minutes, Dr. Barr seconded. Dr. Heaster had an addition to the minutes, to add more information regarding the Sports Management changes: "The Business Department is proposing changes to the Sports Management curriculum. These changes reflect a clear path that helps define the program and includes two new SMGT courses." Revised minutes were approved.

Old Business

Language & Literature – Action

- Dr. Chapman motioned to approve the changes to the Bachelor of Arts in Education English (5-Adult) curriculum. Dr. Heaster seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

Social Science

- Dr. Ensor made a motion to add the Political Science minor to the agenda as an action item. Dr. Chapman seconded. Motion passed.

Business Discussion

- Sport Management: changes are being made so that the program stands alone from the Athletic Conditioning and Coaching program. Two new courses: SMGT 321 (previously submitted as SMGT 470) & 495.
- CSCI 101: The course has been broken down into four separate four-week courses. Students will need to take three hours of these courses for their Gen. Ed. requirement.
 - Dr. Morris had concerns with the implementation of CSCI 101 and asked for a meeting with the Business Department, Registrar's Office and Academic Affairs to discuss
- Course Outlines: updated objectives and course descriptions to align with Bloom's Taxonomy
 - Dr. Sawyer stated that learning objectives are informational items, but course description changes are action items. Mrs. Adams asked if there were course outlines with the changes tracked, so that the committee could review the changes that needed action taken.

Criminal Justice Discussion

- Pre-requisite changes
 - CRJU 323 & 325 aren't on the list of courses. These were removed two years ago through a Curriculum Committee action, but not physically removed from the catalog.
 - Mrs. Adams clarified pre-requisites of Junior/Senior status: Banner only counts the hours the student has completed, not also what the student is registered for since those credits have not been completed. Students will need an override if they're taking a course with either of these pre-requisites but have not actually completed the required amount of hours.
- Changes to B.S. Curriculum: these are based on feedback from alumni
 - Dr. Sawyer asked if CRJU 313 replacing CRJU 415 was actually the opposite. CRJU 415 will become an elective for the field forensics major but will remain required for the administration of justice major.
- New Course – Recovery Life Coach: This is a 4-day course with 16 hours of practical experience required. Students receive a certificate upon completion. Bluefield and Shepherd already offer this course.
 - Mrs. McKinney stated that the learning objectives mention BlueRidge. Dr. Lang will update to reflect GSC.
 - Dr. Sawyer asked if we charged tuition for this course. Yes, and we provide the space.
 - Dr. Chapman asked if the amount of credits were correct. Last year, changes to internship/work experience courses was changed to 45 hours of work per credit
- Learning Outcomes: these changes are based on HLC criteria

Social Science Discussion

- The Political Science minor was removed from the 2021-2022 catalog due to low enrollment. Now that a full-time Political Science faculty has been hired, the Department has interest in the minor. No courses or requirements will change.

Science & Math Discussion

- Updated course outlines
 - Mrs. McKinney pointed out that on the course outline for BIOL 314 the pre-requisite only states "121". Dr. Evans will update to show "BIOL 121"
- Changes to Plans of Study
- Land Resources changes
- Update to Health Promotion minor
- Informational Item: Math advising for students with no test scores.

The rest of Department discussion will be continued at a special meeting next week.

Dr. Lang adjourned the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

Ashley Nicholas

January 20, 2022