

Curriculum Committee Minutes February 15, 2019

Location: Brenham – BK136, Bryan – F223, Health Science Center - HSC3500

Present: (HSC) Nathan Sivils , (Bryan) Linda Richardson, Robert Stanberry, Marshall Rich (for Max Hibbs), Jay Anderson, Shonda Whetstone, Pat Westergaard, Debbi Vavra, Brandon Franke, Craig Jeffrey (for Todd Quinlan), Rachel Gallardo, Kristine McCoy, and Alexandra Bennett. (Brenham) Alan Lehmann, David Lewis, Eric Owen, Robert Lovelidge, Michelle Marburger, and Elmer Godeny.

Meeting Notes:

- The Meeting was called to order by Alan Lehmann
- A motion was made to approve the minutes from the last meeting (January 18, 2019).
 - Linda Richardson noted that the Bryan room number was incorrect.
 - Linda Richardson moved that they be approved with the correction, Elmer Godeny seconded it. Minutes approved.

New Business

- FIRT 1307, 1309, 1338
 - Nate Silva presented information on these course changes. He shared that for each, the number of contact hours would increase from 48 to 80. The additional hours would accommodate more hands on experience and in the field inspections of fire safety equipment.
 - A question was asked as to whether this would affect their faculty workload. He said that the increased workload would be covered by part time faculty.
 - It was brought to the committee's attention that there was an error on the course change form for FIRT 1307. It incorrectly stated that the contact hours were decreasing from 80 to 48 instead of the other way around.
 - Michelle Marburger moved that we approve these course changes as a group. Linda Richardson seconded it.
 - Nate Silva moved that we approve these changes with the correction to FIRT 1307. Michelle Marburger seconded it. The motion was approved.
- RADR 1203, 1260, 1266, 1313, 2301, 2305, 2309, and 2331
 - Nate Silva also presented information on these courses. RADR1260 is a new course that is to replace RADR1266. The new course is a practicum course to help improve skills and will include six clinical hours per week.
 - RADR2301, 2305, and 2331 are proposing to reduce the total contact hours associated with the lab portion of these courses to better accommodate course content and faculty load. In the case of 2301 and 2331, it is from four lab hours to two, which translates to a change of 96 contact hours to 64 contact hours. In the case of 2305, the

lab is dropping from two hours per week to one, changing the contact hours from the current 64 to 48 hours.

- The same rationale was being presented for reducing the lecture hours from two to one (in the case of 1203) and from three to two (in the case of 1313 and 2309).
 - Linda Richardson asked how this would affect the faculty workload, as there were no equivalent ILUs for the proposed new lecture/lab hours.
 - Dr. Godeny ask how the courses could possible meet the learning outcomes with the reduced contact hours and then brought it to the committee's attention that changing the lecture hours would in fact change the course number. For example, if RADR1313 proposes dropping the lecture hours from three to two it should have a course number of RADR1213.
 - Nate Silva was not able to address these issues.
 - Pat Westergaard therefore proposed that voting on these courses should be tabled to the March meeting so that we could get Tom Lescarbeau to present these courses. Dr. Godeny seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- Proposed *new* MUSI courses: 1311, 1312, 2311, 2312, 1116, 1117, 2116, 2117, and 1307
 - Proposed MUSI course *removal*: 1211, 1212, 2211, 2212, 1216, 1217, 2216, 2217, and 1308
 - Debbi Vavra presented these course proposals. She shared that in each case, the proposed *new* course was replacing a proposed course *removal*. Each of these paired course deletions and additions are a reflection of the Higher Education Coordinating Board's changes to the ACGM which were designed to realign these courses.
 - In the case of MUSI1308 which is currently in the CORE, its replacement, MUSI1307 would not be in the CORE. The reason is due to its low enrollment. She shared that two other existing courses, MUSI 1306 and 1310 which are currently in the CORE, are easily transferred to other schools across the state.
 - Pat Westergaard moved that we vote on these courses in batch. Marshall Rich seconded it. The motion was approved.
 - Pat Westergaard the moved to approve the addition and the removal of the courses proposed. Marshall Rich seconded it. The motion was approved.
- Marshall Rich shared with the committee the updated AAS awards and Certificates in Accounting which now includes the previously approved four courses added.
- BUSI2305: Marshal also presented for approval this new course entitled Business Statistics. This new course was approved by the coordinating board in January of 2018. The course is in the field of study and is part of the degree plan for TAMU-CC being offered at RELLIS and will be taught starting in the Fall of 2019. Currently many schools are accepting MATH1342 (Elementary Statistical Methods) to fill the need for statistics in the degree plan. This will slowly be phased out as BUSI2305 begins to be taught on other campuses.
 - Linda Richardson moved that we approve this course. Dr. Godeny seconded it. The motion was approved.
- SOCW2326 – Shonda Whetstone presented this new course entitled Social Welfare. The course will help with the growing demand for social workers in the workforce. It transfers with the same course number to Tarleton and the University of Texas. Blinn does not

currently offer a degree in social work. They are hoping to have an AAS in Human Services in place by next year though.

- Alexandra Bennett pointed out that the learning outcomes presented in the course proposal do not match those listed in the ACGM. She shared that the ACGM was just updated last week and the course has new learning outcomes.
- Dr. Godeny made a motion that we approve the new course with the updated learning outcomes. Marshall Rich seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Adjournment

- Alan Lehmann shared that our next meeting will be on March 22nd. It has been moved to the fourth Friday due to Spring Break. To have time to get the proposals out to the committee, he is setting March 8th as the deadline for submission of new proposals.
- Dave Lewis made a motion that we adjourn our meeting and Pat Westergaard seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda R. Richardson, ANS Faculty Representative